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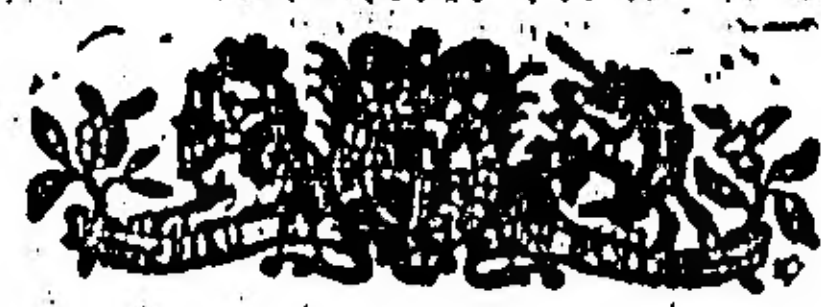
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## SIX AIR DISASTERS

### Tragic Day In History Of Aviation

### 50 Dead, 69 Missing, 9 Hurt

### Passengers Trapped, Burnt Alive

### In Flaming Wreckage

San Francisco, May 30.

At least 50 were killed, 69 were missing and nine injured on Thursday night in four plane crashes in New York City, Tokyo, Alaska and The Netherlands. A fifth is reported overdue in Iceland. (United Press reports another Japan plane crash — a courier plane from Takiawa aerodrome, near Tokyo, which plunged into the mountains west of Tokyo, not far from the earlier crash.)

Thirty-nine were killed and nine others injured when a United Airlines plane crashed and burned near LaGuardia airfield, New York, in the worst commercial air disaster in the United States — and equal to the world "record" in Newfoundland last October.

South-west of Tokyo, an Army transport plane (a C-54 "Skymaster") with 33 passengers and a crew of eight crashed into a mountain. It has not yet been determined whether or not there were any survivors.

An Icelandic Airways DC-3 plane, with 25 passengers on board, is missing on a flight from Reykjavik, Iceland, to Akureyri.

At Fairbanks, Alaska, three men are reported missing and nine other members of the crew escaped serious injury when an Army B-20 crashed shortly after its take-off. Associated Press.

La Guardia Field, N.Y., May 30.

A four-motored United Airlines DC-4 "Mainliner" crashed at the edge of this wind and rain swept airport last night, killing 38 persons in the greatest domestic plane disaster in the history of United States commercial aviation.

Of the ten survivors, one has since died, and seven are critically injured and may die. The wreckage burst into flames and 37 of the dead were trapped and burned to death in the fuselage. The 38th crashed out but died soon afterwards in hospital.

Hundreds of relatives and friends of the 44 passengers who had gathered to see them off for Cleveland — the plane's destination — were horrified witnesses.

Delayed for an hour and 35 minutes by strong ground winds, the pilot, H.R. "Lucy" Baldwin, lifted the huge craft from the field's shortest runway — 3,553 feet — into a sky splintering with rain and darkening from an approaching thunderstorm. He got the ship up to perhaps 50 feet when it seemed to waver and then nosed down.

It crashed on the swampy grounds of the Aeronautic Academy 600 feet from the end of the runway. A few seconds elapsed, then there was an explosion and flames, fed by high-octane petrol, leaped 500 feet into the air, sending a smoke column up into the lowhanging clouds.

Pilot Baldwin was thrown clear by the impact but co-pilot R.E. Sands was among the dead.

In their few seconds of grace, 10 other persons either crawled out of the smashed nose or were pulled out by rescuers. The remaining 37 men and women, including Sands, were helplessly trapped.

### Shrieks

As flames shot up and the rescuers were driven back those inside could be heard pounding frantically at doors of the fuselage, shrieking and weeping. They never had a chance. Planes shot up in a solid blazing wall and approach was impossible. Agonised shrieks went up and down the spines of onlookers, but they did not last long.

Soon, the only sound was the explosive snapping of the flames. They burned for more than 10 minutes before the field's fire-fighting equipment, aided by municipal fire-fighters, could bring the fire under control.

Pilot Baldwin and several of the surviving passengers were thrown into a shallow swamp and were pulled out by 100 students and instructors from the Academy who had just finished

class and witnessed the disaster from the school's windows.

"Burst Into Flames" Seriously burned and bleeding from cuts, Baldwin could only murmur: "The plane nosed down and burst into flames."

The cafeteria of the Academy only 60 feet from the charred wreckage, was taken over from an emergency morgue. The bodies of 37 of the 38 victims were laid out there for identification by relatives who had come to the airport in a festive mood to see them off on Memorial Day holidays.

Six men and five women were taken to hospital, where one woman died soon after arrival. All were burned and some had broken legs and arms.

Besides the pilots, the crew included two stewards, one of whom was killed and the other injured.

When the plane nosed down it ploughed along the ground for a few yards, then crashed into a rockpile, bounded about 150 feet into the air and broke up, crashing into a shallow marshy pond. Seconds later it burst into flames.

The plane hit with such force that the wings were sheared off and the fuselage broke in two.

The bodies of the victims trapped in the fuselage were burned beyond recognition and police said bone structure was the only means of determining whether a corpse was that of a man or a woman.

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## The Weather

Pressure remains high in the E of Japan and the Philippines with a ridge of moderately high pressure extending across the Japan Sea to the Lower Yangtze. A deep depression over Manchuria and shallow depressions are moving slowly ENE to the S of Japan. Gradients are slight over the China Sea to the Philippines.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate E and SE winds, cloudy with bright intervals; warm.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 83 deg. Feh. Minimum: 74 deg. Feh. Sunshine: 9 hours.

Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—556.5 mm. as against an average of 569.9 mm.

Readings at:—

	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l.	1010.0	1008.1 m.b.
Equality	29.65	29.77 inches.
Rel. Humidity	78	75 %
Dew Point	73	74 deg. F.
Wind Direction	E	ESE
Wind Force	13	12 knots.

## Disagreement Over Italy's Colonies

Washington, May 29.

The United States Government today opposed the British suggestion that the disposition of the former Italian colonies should be discussed at a meeting of special deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in London on June 6.

The State Department said that Russia had now agreed to the British suggestion for such a meeting but added: "It is the view of the United States Government that the actual disposition of the colonies should not be discussed at this preliminary meeting."

It is felt that the deputies should, until such time as the peace treaty comes into force, confine their deliberations to such procedural matters as the formation of a commission of investigation which is to be sent to the

Italy colonies. This commission will ascertain the views of the local populations and supply deputies with such other data as may be necessary to their consideration of the problem.

It is expected that the deputies will also decide on a future programme, including the procedure for holding the views of other interested Governments.

Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador to Britain, will be the United States deputy at the London meeting.—Reuter.

## Party For Postal Delegates



At a party in the Elysee Palace, Paris, on May 18th, for delegates to the Universal Postal Union Congress, now meeting in Paris, M. Vincent Auriol, President of France was photographed chatting with Mr. and Mrs. Tai Tien, of the Chinese delegation. (Associated Press photo).

## PIRATES TAKE PITY ON VICTIM

Shanghai, May 30.

A band of semi-gallant river pirates, using fifth column tactics, robbed a small passenger ship yesterday of C\$200,000,000 cash and cargo near the mouth of the Yangtze River.

The passenger ship, travelling from Nantong to Shanghai, was approaching the confluence of the Yangtze and Whangpoo Rivers when 12 pirates, who boarded as passengers, commandeered the vessel and disarmed the crew guard.

The pirates told the women not to be frightened and then started looting, throwing money, jewellery and other valuables into large sacks.

The pirates relieved one passenger of \$13,000,000 cash. The passenger fainted. The pirates poured water on him, and rubbed his hands until the unfortunate man regained consciousness.

Questioned as to why he faintest the passenger said he had borrowed the money at high interest rates (current black market interest rate 20 percent per month) to conduct a travelling merchandise business.

Compassion The pirates showed pain and compassion, huddled among themselves, approached the fainting passenger and informed him that he could plunge his hands into the bag and have anything he could bring out. But he could only try it once.

The passenger thrust his hands eagerly into the bag and brought a large bundle of small denomination notes worth C\$200,000 or C\$300,000 and fainted again.

When the ship neared the shore, the pirates fired two shots and a motor boat came out and the pirates escaped — after first wrecking the engine.

As they departed they looked over the passengers and said: "We are so sorry." — United Press.

## Big Gold Haul In Bombay

Bombay, May 29.

Gold valued at £7,500 in bullion and coins was seized today from the hold of the 4,867-ton British ship "Dumra" in Bombay harbour.

The gold was found by Customs officials who were investigating the seizure of \$4,270 from three people who had arrived in Bombay in the "Dumra" on Sunday.

A leading supervisor at the Bombay docks, in whose possession some of the seized coins were alleged to have found, has been arrested.

This brings the total of the gold seized by the Bombay Customs in the past six months to £240,000.

The Customs authorities are now keeping a strict watch on the long coastline of Western India to prevent smugglers from landing by small craft dropped from bigger vessels coming from East Africa and the Persian Gulf.—Reuter.

## S'HA1 PROFESSORS ON PROTEST STRIKE

### Night-Long Search Of University

Shanghai, May 30.

Ninety-seven professors of Fudan University announced today that they are striking in protest at the illegal nightlong search of the university last night by the Woosung Garrison, the police and secret police. They expect all professors in Shanghai to join their protest.

A professor told United Press that the police arrested 11 students, including two girls, singled out by masked informers. One student was arrested in the General Hospital, where he was recuperating from the Sunday night beating.

The police not only searched the dormitories but also the professors' and the university president's houses, submitting a black list of 16 names for whom they were searching.

The students, who had decided to return to school after striking, are now in a feverish pitch, demanding retribution.—United Press.

Mayor K. C. Wu announced at a press conference today that "some 40" of 80 wanted "known student Communist agents" and 11 non-student Red underground workers, including four newspaper reporters, have so far been rounded up in the last 12 hours.

Mayor Wu said all Red agents will be shipped without trial from Shanghai to Communist areas, "where they belong."

### "No Mistake"

The Mayor emphasized that the Garrison Commander's Hsu, has narrowed the list of student agitators to 80 from a total of 45,000 university students in Shanghai. He claimed that there could be no mistake that everyone on the black list were genuine Communist agents.

The government had tolerated their activities but the time had arrived when there was no choice but to hold a huge demonstration on June 2, ending with an uprising against the government.

The Mayor said Government obtained early this month a secret Communist document embodying an over-all underground plot in Nationalist areas.

—United Press.

## Criticism

Nanking, May 30.

Members of the Legislative Yuan today attacked the official repressive action against street demonstrations as a "short-sighted policy more likely to aggravate than alleviate the situation."

The session adopted a resolution appointing a nine-man commission to help Government dissuade the students from holding the June 2 demonstration and to span the wide gaps between the students and Government.

A member of the Legislative Yuan suggested that Government would be wise to espouse the student revolutionary force, recalling that students 20 years ago were instrumental in overthrowing Peking and establishing the Kuomintang Government.—United Press.

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## Chota Pegs And Polo On The Way Out

Mombasa, May 29.

In addition to a number of former Indian Civil Servants who hope to take up farming or business, the latest arrivals in Kenya from India include a number of tea and coffee planters who are likely to follow similar occupations in East Africa.

Mr. Cozens, who was formerly a tea planter in India, told Reuter: "From everything I am told, running a home in Kenya is infinitely cheaper than in India. The housewives in India dare not utter a word of reproval to a servant as they fear he would walk straight out of the house."

Colonel Dean-Drummond from Nilgris, South India, before leaving Bombay arranged with a well-known local white hunter to spend a shooting holiday in the Kenya game country.

A 32-year-old, Dublin graduate Mr. Edward Dunne, who is an engineer and has spent nearly a year in India, said on arrival at Mombasa: "There is no doubt about it—old India is gone for good and all."

He added: "The cost of living in India is so high that 99 per cent of the young civil servant men cannot save from their salaries. The most urgent problem at the end of the month is which pressing creditor can be paid off first. They do not even play polo in Poona any longer, although matches are still played in Rajpootana States. The people cannot afford polo and their upkeep. The Australian International

polo team, which, I believe, is either in India or on the way, will have fewer opponents than ever."

### "Mistake"

Mr. Dunne added that India had nothing like the number of technical men necessary for the successful running of a country and she was making a mistake by forcing out the British by means of taxes or direct hostility. The Indians would appreciate the merits of the British in about three years time when they have had a sample of home rule.

Mr. Dunne then said: "If I make no mistake, Congress is determined to introduce prohibition as early as possible. Life in India without the 'chota peg' is so repugnant to the average Briton that the immediate reaction was to take the next boat to Kenya."

Miss Alun, another passenger, who is spending a holiday with Lady Bennett Ebbet at Rongai, Kenya, said: "I could not go on living in such a hostile atmosphere."—Reuter.

Bangkok, May 29.

The Chinese Ambassador to Siam, Dr. Li Tieh-tung, left for China this morning for a three-week visit.—Reuter.

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## Today's Events

May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.

May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.

## Coming Events

June 6—A.S. Watson & Co. Ltd. annual meeting, HK Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

June 7—Seventh Extra Race Meeting.

June 8—H.K. & Whampoa Docks extraordinary meeting, noon.

June 27—Indo-China S.M. Co. Ltd. annual general meeting, noon.

## RAIDS ON OPIUM DENS

With a previous conviction for a similar offence on the same premises, Fong Yui was fined \$200 for three months' hard labour by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould yesterday for keeping an opium den at 219 Reclamation Street, first floor, on May 29.

His customer's bail of \$25 was ordered, estimated on his failure to appear in court. The pipes, four lamps and four small pots of opium were confiscated.

On the application of Inspector J. O'Brien, the landlord will be notified of the conviction.

Two saute carried out by DSI J. Sykes resulted in the appearance of Shen Chai and Yip Kwong before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould yesterday for keeping an opium den.

Shen's den was raided at 9.45 p.m. when seven smokers, two pipes and one lamp were found on the premises. Shen was fined \$100; four smokers \$15 each and the three absentees' bail of \$25 each.

In Yip's case, raided at 9.45 p.m. on May 29, were found six smokers, five pipes, six lamps and 11 pots of opium in the front part of the floor which contained five beds.

Yip was fined a total of \$325, while six of the addicts were included in the sum of \$15 each. The absentees lost his \$25 bail.

Notice of conviction will be sent to the landlords.

## Armed Robbers To Be Caned

Found guilty by a jury on three counts, namely, attempted armed robbery, assault with intent to rob and armed robbery, Kwok Chung alias Chan Sze and Lam Yau-po were each sentenced to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour and ten strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould yesterday.

A third accused, Tsang Tam, who was only found guilty on the charge of attempted armed robbery, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Inspector A. Soutar, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

The accused were arrested following an attempted armed robbery at No. 4 Third Street, at 4 a.m. on April 14, when they fell into a Police ambush. One of the alleged robbers, who was armed, died in hospital as a result of a bullet wound received in the course of a duel with the police. Another alleged robber was wounded and is still in hospital.

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## JAPANESE CHARGED WITH NAVAL PILOT'S MURDER

The trial of three Japanese officers who are charged with having been concerned in the killing of a Sub-Lieutenant of the Fleet Air Arm, captured at Higashimura Village in the Tokyo Bay area following a dog-fight between "Seafires" from H.M.S. "Indefatigable" and Japanese "Zeke 52s" on the morning of August 15, 1945, commenced yesterday before No. 5 War Crimes Court.

The pilot, Sub-Lieut. (A) Fred Hockley, baled out over Higashimura and gave himself up to a farmer on the outskirts of the village. He was taken to Civilian Defence Headquarters and was subsequently turned over to 426th Infantry Regiment Headquarters. It is alleged that he was subsequently executed on instructions of a Major Hirano Nobuo (second accused in the case), who was Intelligence Officer of the 147th Infantry Division.

The other accused are Colonel Tamura Teichi, Commander of the 426th Infantry Regiment, and Captain Fujino Masayo, his Adjutant, who is alleged to have killed Hockley by shooting.

It is the Prosecution's case that the issue of the Imperial Rescript by the Japanese Emperor, announcing the Japanese surrender, was generally known to all the Japanese concerned in the incident after noon on August 15 and before Hockley was killed.

A copy of the rescript, sworn to as a true copy by Minoru Iamami, Chief of the General Affairs Section of the Japanese Imperial Household, was handed in to the Court as an exhibit.

The case is being tried by a Court comprising Lt.-Col. R.C. Laming, of the Department of the J.A.G. India, Barrister-at-law, President; Major R.S. Butterfield, of the Indian Grenadiers; and Major J.T. Lorranger, of the JAG Department, Canadian Army.

The case for the prosecution is being conducted by Major M.I. Ormsby, of the West Yorkshire Regt., assisted by Mr. H.D. Porter, of the Legal Section of SCAP.

Accused are being defended by Japanese Counsel, Mr. Murate Kikichi, with Lt. D.C.J. Baulfield as Advisory Officer.

## Crown's Opening

The Prosecuting Officer, Major M.I. Ormsby, in his opening address, said:

"This is a case involving the killing of Sub-Lieut. Fred Hockley, R.N.V.R., by members of the Imperial Japanese Army at or about 2000 hours on August 15, 1945 in Chibana, Japan. The three accused, who are charged together with the killing of the above-mentioned Hockley, were on August 11, 1945 officers of the Imperial Japanese Army.

"On that date they held the following ranks and positions: Tamura Teichi was a Colonel and in command of the 426th Regt.; Hirano Nobuo a Major and Intelligence Officer on the staff of the 147th Division; and Fujino Masayo a Lieutenant and Adjutant of the 426th Regt.

"The evidence will show that on August 11, 1945, some time during the early morning, Hockley was flying a 'Seafire' which had left the aircraft carrier H.M.S. 'Indefatigable' to

ties in the raid over the Tokyo Bay area was read into the evidence.

"This stated, in part:—  
"Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (A) F. Hockley, R.N.V.R., took off in a 'Seafire' aircraft from H.M.S. 'Indefatigable' at 0540 (Zone time—9) on Wednesday August 15, 1945. The ship was then in position 34 degrees North, 141 degrees East.

"Sub-Lieutenant Hockley was flying one of eight 'Seafires' acting as fighter escort to a strike of six 'Avengers' and four 'Fireflies'. The 'Seafire' pilots were specifically briefed not to attack ground or sea targets; but to stay above and protect the strike aircraft. Target for the 'Avengers' and 'Fireflies' was Kisarazu Airfield; alternative targets were other airfields in the Tokyo Bay area and/or shipping.

"In the event, the 'Avengers' and 'Fireflies' were weathered out of Kisarazu and while searching for an alternative target the strike was attacked by 12 enemy 'Zeke 52' fighters. Two 'Avengers' were damaged and the observer of one, who was severely wounded, baled out. Two British-type parachutes were seen descending in the area.

"Seven of the strike aircraft jettisoned their bombs, the eighth aimed and released its bombs on a camouflaged factory near Kamogawa. The 'Fireflies' did not fire their rockets. Meanwhile a dog-fight had developed between the attacking 'Zekes' and the escorting 'Seafires' during which four 'Zekes' were claimed as destroyed, three more probably destroyed and a further four damaged. His fellow 'Seafire' pilots saw no sign of Hockley's aircraft at the end of this engagement.

## Did Not Return

"Sub-Lieutenant Hockley did not return from this sortie. It was assumed that he had been shot down during the engagement with the 'Zekes' 52 and that one of the two British-type parachutes seen in the area was his. Hockley was reported missing.

"Nakamura Kiyozo, a farmer of the village of Higashimura, to whom Hockley surrendered after discarding his parachute, testified under interrogation that he was in a garden gathering vegetables when shortly after 6 a.m. he heard a whistle and turned around and saw a man who appeared to be a foreign flyer.

Nakamura stated: "The flyer walked out of the woods into the field and stopped and I walked towards him. He extended his hand and we shook hands. I lit a cigarette for him and he offered me a cigarette which I accepted. The flyer said a few words but I could not understand much

what he said, although I did understand him to say he was English.

"I motioned for him to come with me and we went to the main road and then to the Headquarters of the Civilian Defence in Higashimura, where I reported to Takahashi Yoshimatsu, the Civilian Defence Commander of the village. Takahashi asked me to accompany the flyer to the soldiers, which I did. Several of the other members of the Civilian Defence present at headquarters blindfolded the prisoner and tied his hands before he was taken to the military.

"He did not appear to be injured in any way and seemed to be in very good spirit. A villager by the name of Kawano hit the prisoner over the head with a bamboo stick because he objected at the time to being blindfolded. He was turned over to the military at about 0830 hours."

## Bleeding

Nezue Hideo, a Second Lieutenant in the Japanese Army, to whose custody Hockley had been turned over by the Civilian Defence Headquarters at Higashimura, testified that the prisoner was bleeding from a wound at the back of his neck and his face was swollen. It appeared that these injuries had been sustained in the parachute landing, but he heard later that the prisoner had been beaten before being brought over to him.

While Hockley was in the custody of his subordinates, Nezue testified, he gathered his soldiers together and made a speech to caution them not to do anything on their own, since they knew Japan had lost the war. I was afraid they might harm the prisoner.

"I was told that Cpl. Akasawa had taken him food. I noticed that the prisoner had been bandaged. Upon inquiry I learned that Cpl. Akasawa and another man, a medic, had bandaged the prisoner's wounds. Cpl. Akasawa suggested I have the prisoner's ropes change as the war was over and shouldn't I have him tied with a smaller rope? I then ordered him bring a smaller rope and tie the prisoner.

"At about 1400 hours the prisoner was put on a cart and started for Headquarters. This was the last time I saw the flyer. At about 1930 or 2000 hours the Probationary Officer and Corporal Akasawa reported they had delivered the prisoner, as instructed, to 426th Regimental Headquarters at Iwai to the Regimental Adjutant, First Lieutenant Fujino."

On further interrogation Nezue stated that he had not heard any rumours that Hockley was beaten by his soldiers at the primary school but did notice that the prisoner was more depressed when he left than when he arrived.

A statement that he was at divisional headquarters when he overheard Lt. Ishida, Assistant Intelligence Officer at Div. H.Q., speaking over the telephone to the 426th Regiment and heard the words at the end of the conversation "at the Division we do not want him, so dispose of him at the Regiment" was confirmed in the interrogation of Sgt. Oda Takeshi.

Oda stated the word used for "dispose of" had been "shobunaru" which he would understand as "to kill."

On his asking Second Lieutenant Ishida why a request for a motor vehicle to convey a prisoner from Regimental to Divisional Headquarters had been cancelled, he was told that "disposal of this case has been decided to be carried out by the unit."

Second Lieutenant Mitsuo Shundo, Divisional Transportation Officer, stated in his interrogation, "At that time, I thought, because of the wording of the order, that the Regiment would either punish or kill the prisoner itself and not send him to the Kempeitai. The standing orders were to send prisoners to the Kempeitai."

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## SWEET ASSAULT

Boston, May 30.  
Edward Bilecki has been arrested on an assault and battery charge after walking into a bakery where his estranged wife was employed and lambasting her with 20 chocolate eclairs. — United Press.

## To Be Wed

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:  
William Campbell, Tillery, electrical engineer, Arlington Hotel, to Emily Isabella Sanderson, dressmaker, 11 Gordon Street, Fairfield, Melbourne.  
Marcus Herculeano Squelira, musician, 284 Prince Edward Road, to Tong Yuen-song, 9 Hillwood Road, 2nd floor.  
James Peter McNair, dept. director, CBA, CNRRA, Ritz Hotel, to Valma Gansby, en-route to Hong Kong from Australia.

## COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS

Committal proceedings were commenced yesterday before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr against Wong San, Li Chan and Tam Sui on the charge of assault with intent to rob Tsang Kwong, Kwok Yik and Tsang Ming at an unnumbered house in Kowloon Tong on May 1.

Li Chan was additionally charged with possession of an imitation pistol.

Further hearing was adjourned to June 2 for the attendance of Tsang Kwong who is in Queen Mary Hospital suffering from a fractured skull sustained as the result of a motor accident in Hong Kong on May 19.

## Readers' Letters

## "Justice"

Sir,—With reference to Per Mare Per Terram's letter, I think it only fair to disillusion this gentleman.

Nauta's letter entitled "Justice" was written by a person widely experienced in the horrors of war. Nauta was under fire in the Sino-Japanese war long before World War II.

Nauta served in the desert of Iraq during the Iraq Campaign, and the invasion of Persia. In addition, he entered Sicily, Salerno and Anzio on the D-Day invasion of these three places.

Nauta possesses practically every British Campaign ribbon possible to wear, having served actively in many war theatres, and I know he declined to be recommended for further decoration.

I mention the above to show Per Mare Per Terram how erroneous is his opinion of the author of Justice.

(In the absence of my husband) (Mrs.) Nauta.

## Cost Of Living

Sir,—No wonder your correspondent KTL is finding trouble in balancing his monthly budget with a lowered salary due to the cheaper price of salt fish, bean curd etc. As he is not a prisoner I presume he and his family have no use for this diet.

The fact is that while the cost of living in the case of the white collar workers has not gone down at all to warrant the cuts in the HCL and RA allowances, the rent is giving a large stride up, much to their bewilderment.

To meet this increase which in my case is \$40, where could the money come from? Surely there is definitely something wrong with the pegging of the local staff salaries to the Food figure from the Labour office, and the sooner this is rectified and put on a more stable basis, the better we will feel towards our employers.

## LITTLE SAY

## Collaborators

Sir,—"Casual Altman" has spoken for us who suffered in the occupation days under the supremacy of the Kempeitai and their collaborators. Although the Mikado has surrendered to the Allies, big shots of today in a very great many cases were big shots under Isogai and Tanaka.

Report after report on such important collaborators' anti-Allied activities were filed with the authorities since the liberation.

## JUDGMENT FOR RETURN OF \$850 DEPOSIT

Judgment in favour of Rely Chemicals (plaintiffs), who claimed for the return of a deposit of \$850 paid by them to L. R. Nielson & Co., Ltd., (defendants) in respect of a contract for the purchase of 500 bottles of Vitameco, on the ground that the defendants failed to make delivery within the time contemplated by a contract between the parties, was given by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould at the Supreme Court yesterday.

In his judgment, Mr. Justice Gould said in part that it had been agreed between the solicitors representing the parties that the matter raised entirely upon the construction to be placed upon the relevant documents and correspondence between the parties. No evidence was therefore called on either side.

"The important documents are a letter dated Oct. 4, 1946, written by the defendant to the plaintiff and a contract entered into between the parties on the same date.

"It is agreed that the defendants, at the time of the execution of these documents, did not have the goods in their possession, but were to order them by cable to be shipped by their principals in the United States of America.

"The contention on the part of the plaintiffs is that the letter of Oct. 4, plainly shows the arrangement between the parties to be that the 500 bottles referred to in the sale note were in the nature of a trial to enable the parties to decide whether at the beginning of 1947 they would enter into a firm contract, giving the exclusive distributing rights to all the plaintiff. This being so, it was essential that the goods should arrive in Hong Kong before, or at any rate, about the end of 1946. Plaintiff contend that by Mar. 7, 1947, the whole purpose of the arrangement was frustrated and that they were not bound to accept delivery and were entitled to a return of the deposit.

"On the other hand, the defendants urge that the arrangement mentioned in the letter of Oct. 4, shows nothing more than that the parties contemplated entering into a firm contract in 1947, that the sale note in the dominant document and that by its terms and conditions, the defendant is protected in respect of delay in delivery.

"In my opinion, the letter of Oct. 4 definitely evidences an agreement for an interim arrangement between the parties from that date until the end of the year, that the plaintiffs would have the sole agency in Canton and Hong Kong for the product in question.

"Reasonable Time.  
"The terms and conditions cannot be construed as keeping the plaintiffs bound by the contract indefinitely but only for a reasonable time. What is a reasonable time must be determined with reference to all the circumstances of the case including what was in the contemplation of the parties at the time of entering into the contract. Allowing eight weeks from that time for shipping and transit, the goods would have arrived in Hong Kong at the end of Nov. and as indicated above, in my view it was never contemplated that they would be delayed beyond the end of the year.

"In the circumstances, I hold that the plaintiffs became entitled to treat the contract as at an end and are entitled to the return of their deposit.

"Damages for plaintiffs for amount claimed and costs. Mr. F. H. Loseby appear for the plaintiffs, while defendants were represented by Mr. H. J. Armstrong."

## "Dead-End" Kids To Be Caned

Two 18-year-old Chinese "dead end kids" who combined card-sharping with larceny, were treated as juveniles and sentenced to ten strokes of the cane by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The charges against the first were larceny from the person by cheating at cards and conspiring with the second accused to cheat. The second youth was charged with aiding and abetting.

81 Walter Collins, prosecuting, stated that at about 4.35 p.m. on May 26, Chau Tai-mui, a woman, was induced by the second accused to take part in a card game, known as "green or red," conducted by the first defendant in Poho Street near Cheung Sha Wan Road.

When she lost the first bet of 10 cents, the complainant took out a handkerchief from her pocket and, on unwrapping it, revealed \$55. The second youth encouraged her to bet heavier and pushed her hand with the \$55 in it on to the cards.

The keeper immediately turned up his winning card, snatched the money out of the woman's hand, and ran away, leaving Chau dumbfounded as she did not intend to bet so heavily.

At 9.30 a.m. on May 28, complainant saw the second accused in Poho Street and had him arrested by PCC 1276. On information furnished by him, the first youth was arrested at 3 Cheung Sha Wan Road, second floor.

## Doctor Charged With Conspiracy

When Dr. Lim Ek Quoc of the Shamshuipo Government Dispensary appeared on \$10,000 bail before Mr. W. H. Laitner at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of obtaining a bribe of \$3 from Wong Yau-shing on May 22, DSI V. M. Morrison preferred an additional charge of conspiracy against defendant.

The new count against Dr. Lim charged him with conspiring with Ho Chiu, coolie at the Dispensary, to use his position to "demand money from patients and prospective patients in order to obtain preferential treatment by obtaining the inconvenience of attending the Dispensary for medical treatment."

On the application of Mr. Morrison, Dr. Lim, appearing for Dr. Lim, defendant and his co-accused were adjourned for one week. Their trial will be heard on Friday, June 13.

## Alleged Attempt To Obtain Bribes

Summary proceedings against Cheung Tai-kai, 41, Sanitary Department foreman, charged on four counts of demanding money with menaces and one charge of conspiracy, were opened before Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded working on the rubbish van in the Wanchoi district and getting extras ranging from \$10 to \$30 a month through the sale of salvaged rubbish.

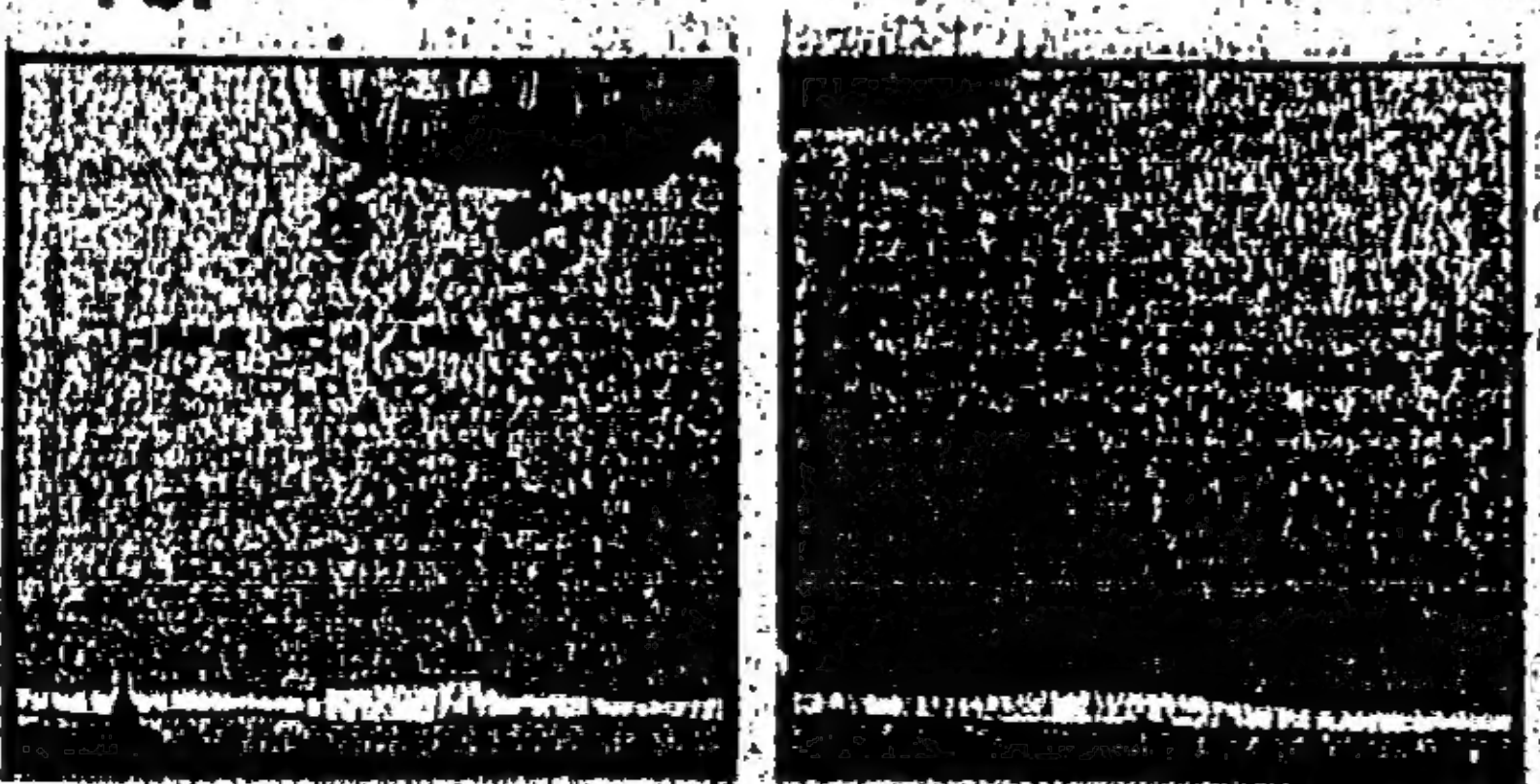
On April 6, Yuen added, defendant transferred him to the Kennedy Town Slaughter House to remove manure. This transfer, Yuen said, certainly was not a promotion and so he reported to Inspector Macey who transferred him back after three days.

A few days later, Yuen continued, he approached defendant and the clerk for a driver's job for a friend. Yuen alleged that both defendant and the clerk told him that his friend must pay \$6 first. As his friend could not afford the money, Yuen concluded, he did not get the job.

To Mr. Russ, Yuen said defendant had been a foreman in the section for several months, but had never asked him for money until April 6.

Further hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on June 10. Defendant was remanded on \$2,500 bail.

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the Marine Department of the  
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obtained from the Office of the  
Chinese Maritime Customs,  
Marine House, Queen's Road,  
Central.

## NOTICE

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT  
OF HONGKONGPROBATE  
JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF AUBREY  
EDWARD LEOPOLD  
BURGOYNE late of 6 Garden  
Terrace, Victoria in the  
Colony of Hongkong, mer-  
chant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Court has by virtue of  
Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order  
limiting the time for creditors  
and others to send in their  
claims against the above estate  
to the 18th day of June 1947.

All creditors and others are  
accordingly, hereby required,  
to send their claims to the under-  
signed on or before that date.  
Dated the 21st day of May, 1947.

## DEACONS,

Solicitors for the Administratrix,  
Princess's Building,  
HONG KONG

THE HONG KONG  
ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

## 1941 DEPOSITS

The Company is now prepared  
to receive applications for the  
refund of 1941 Deposits.  
Applications, which should be  
accompanied by the relative  
Deposit Receipts, should be  
made through the post to the  
Company's Registered Office  
and may also be handed in at  
the Company's Branch Offices.

Pending the lifting of the  
Moratorium, it is intended to  
refund that part of the deposit  
only, which is not required to  
secure the payment of 1941  
accounts for the supply of  
electric current.

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& CO., LTD.,  
Agents,  
8 & O BUILDING,  
Hong Kong.

31st May, 1947.

## NOTICE

REPAIRS TO  
MURRAY PIER

NOTICE IS HEREBY given  
that Murray Pier, Hong Kong,  
will be closed to the public for  
repairs from 8.00 a.m. on  
5th June, 1947, until further  
notice.

V. KENNIF,  
Director of Public Works,  
Public Works Department,  
Hong Kong, 30th May, 1947.

THE  
CHINA EMPORIUM  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the fourteenth ordinary  
general meeting of The China  
Emporium Limited will be held  
at the registered office of the  
Company Nos. 62A-68 Queen's  
Road Central, Victoria in the  
Colony of Hong Kong on  
Saturday, the 31st day of May,  
1947 at 3.00 o'clock in the  
afternoon, for the purposes  
following, namely, to receive  
and consider the annual state-  
ment of account and balance  
sheet, and the reports of the  
directors and auditors thereon;  
to elect directors and auditors  
in the place of those retiring;  
to sanction the declaration of a  
dividend and to transact the  
other ordinary business of the  
Company.

The transfer books and regis-  
ter of members of the Com-  
pany will be closed from Satur-  
day, the 24th day of May, to  
Saturday, the 7th day of June,  
1947, both days inclusive, dur-  
ing which period no transfer of  
shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that at the same place,  
and on the same day, an extra-  
ordinary general meeting of the  
Company will be held at the  
times below mentioned, namely:

- (1) The meeting of the Founders  
shareholders at 3.15  
o'clock in the afternoon, or  
so soon thereafter as the  
ordinary general meeting  
shall have concluded, and
- (2) The meeting of the Or-  
dinary shareholders at 3.30  
o'clock in the afternoon, or  
so soon thereafter as the  
said meeting of Founders  
shareholders shall have  
concluded

when the sub-jointed Resolu-  
tions will be proposed as  
extraordinary resolutions:

1. That the authorised capital  
of the Company be in-  
creased to \$5,000,000.00  
Hong Kong currency divid-  
ed into 12 Founders'  
shares of \$10.00 each and  
499,988 Ordinary shares of  
\$10.00 each by the creation  
of 500,000 new Ordinary  
shares of \$10.00 each.

2. That it is desirable to  
capitalise the sum of \$668,-  
620.00 being part of the  
undivided profits of the  
Company now standing to the  
credit of the reserve  
fund, and accordingly  
that a bonus of \$5.00  
per share on the 133,704  
issued shares of the Com-  
pany (divided into 12  
Founders' shares and 133,-  
692 Ordinary shares) be  
and the same is hereby de-  
clared; and that the Direc-  
tors be and they are here-  
by authorised to satisfy  
such bonus by the distribu-  
tion of 66,862 Ordinary  
shares of the Company  
Nos. 133,693-200,544 (in-  
clusive) credited as fully  
paid up amongst the per-  
sons who, on the 24th day  
of May, 1947, were regis-  
tered as holders of the  
133,704 shares of the Com-  
pany (12 Founders' shares  
and 133,692 Ordinary  
shares) at the rate of one  
share for every two shares  
of the Company held as  
aforesaid; and in satisfac-  
tion of such bonus as aforesaid;  
and that such shares shall rank  
for dividend pari passu  
with the existing shares.

Dated this 24th day of April,  
1947.

By order of the Board of  
Directors,  
CRUNG KWAN TING,  
General Manager.

## HONG KONG

## SERVICES RACE CLUB

Racing under the auspices of  
the Hong Kong Services Race  
Club having ceased notice is  
hereby given that NO CLAIMS  
for unclaimed parimutuel or  
sweepstake tickets in respect of  
past races organised by the  
Hong Kong Services Race Club  
will be entertained after 30TH  
SEPTEMBER 1947.

C. T. BOKENHAM,  
MAJOR

HON. TREASURER  
HONG KONG SERVICES  
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THE CHINA PROVIDENT  
LOAN & MORTGAGE  
CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that  
the Forty-Sixth Annual General  
Meeting of the Shareholders  
will be held in the Jacobean  
Room of the Hongkong Hotel,  
Pedder Street, Hongkong on  
Saturday, the 31st May 1947, at  
Noon for the following purposes,  
namely, to consider the annual  
statement of accounts and the  
balance sheet, and the reports  
of the Directors and Auditors  
thereon, to elect Directors and  
Auditors in the place of those  
retiring, to declare a dividend  
and bonus, to appropriate the  
balance of Profit and Loss  
Accounts as recommended by  
the Directors, and to transact  
any other ordinary business of  
the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given  
that the Share Transfer Regis-  
ters will be closed from 20th  
May, 1947 to 31st May, 1947,  
both date inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. D. LEARMONTH,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th May, 1947.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT  
LOAN & MORTGAGE  
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NOTICE TO  
SHAREHOLDERS  
OF EXTRAORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that  
an Extraordinary General Meet-  
ing of Shareholders will be held  
at the Jacobean Room, Hong-  
kong Hotel, Pedder Street,  
Hong Kong, on Saturday, 31st  
May, 1947, at 12.15 p.m. (or  
as soon thereafter as the Or-  
dinary Annual Meeting to be  
held at Noon on that date shall  
have been concluded), for the  
purpose of considering and, if  
thought fit, passing the sub-  
joined Resolution as an Ordinary  
Resolution:-

"That the Capital of the  
Company be increased to  
\$10,000,000.00 by the creation  
of One Million Two Hundred  
Thousand additional new  
shares of Five Dollars each  
to be issued at such terms  
and conditions in every re-  
spect as the Company's Board  
of Directors may think fit."

By Order of the Board,  
A. D. LEARMONTH,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th May, 1947.

LOCAL COURT JUDGMENT  
ON FRENCH GOVT. CLAIMEx-Nazi  
Spouses  
To Be Tried

Berlin, May 29.  
Frau Emmy Goering,  
wife of the Nazi leader  
who committed suicide  
at Nuernberg, was ar-  
rested tonight in a fore-  
ester's cottage near  
Auerbach, Upper Bavar-  
ia, where she was in bed  
with sciatica.

She will be transferred to a  
prison hospital for women to-  
morrow.

Frau Goering had been living  
with her nine-year-old daugh-  
ter Edda at the cottage.

Frau Margarete Frick, wife  
of the former Nazi Minister  
of the Interior who was hanged  
at Nuernberg, was also ar-  
rested at Frankfurt. She had been  
living with her two daughters  
at Kempfenhausen.

Frau Brigitte Frank, widow  
of Hans Frank, executed Nazi  
Governor of Poland, was ar-  
rested at Schilensee, Upper  
Bavaria, where she had lived  
with her children.

Frau Frank is being taken to  
Miesbach Prison, near Munich,  
where she is to be examined by  
the prison doctor and will later  
be transferred to Aumberg.

The statements against Frau  
Goering are already before the  
Auerbach Denazification Court.  
All the three arrests were  
carried out with warrants issued  
by Dr. Albert Loritz,  
Bavarian Denazification Minis-  
ter.—Reuter.

Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) gave a  
written judgment yesterday setting forth the  
reasons for his granting a claim for possession  
of the steamship "Chai Sang" to the French  
Government, who were the interveners in a  
case heard before him on Apr. 22.

The case concerned Chui Cheuk-sang and 26  
others, who sued Wong Pui Chi, the owner  
and all others interested in the steamship  
"Chai Sang" for wages of the crew and certain  
necessaries supplied to the ship. Judgment  
was entered for Chui and the others by con-  
sent and an order obtained from the Court for  
the sale of the ship, as the owners at the time  
were unable to pay off the judgment debt and  
costs.

The ship was sold by public  
auction for \$135,000 and it was  
then that the French Govern-  
ment received information al-  
leging that the ship was French  
property.

In pursuance of this informa-  
tion, a notice was served on  
Chui and the others by the  
French Government, acting as  
interveners, claiming ownership  
of the "Chai Sang." The notice  
also applied for proceedings  
and judgment given prior to the  
serving of the writ to be set  
aside.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., in-  
structed by Mr. D.L. Strellett  
appeared on behalf of the  
French Government. Mr. B.A.  
Bernocchi, instructed by Mr.  
J.M. d'Almada Remedios re-  
presented Chui Cheuk-sang and  
others.

In the course of his judgment,  
Mr. Justice Williams said in  
part:

"The real and substantial  
point which was argued before  
me was this:—Was the French  
Government impleaded in the  
proceedings which had taken  
place in this Court in connection  
with this Admiralty action. It  
follows that if the French Gov-  
ernment was impleaded, then  
the Court had no jurisdiction in  
the matter and any judgment  
given was a mere nullity. It  
was agreed by both Counsel  
that the Court had inherent  
jurisdiction to set aside such  
nullity. Counsel for the inter-  
veners claimed that they un-  
questionably were impleaded  
and Counsel for the plaintiffs  
maintained they were not.

"Counsel for the plaintiffs at  
one stage of his argument sub-  
mitted that there was no proof  
that the French Government  
owned the "Chai Sang." He  
put it higher and said 'It is  
denied that the French Govern-  
ment is the owner.' Counsel for  
the French Government then  
stated that this was the first  
hint he had received that the  
ownership of the ship was being chal-  
lenged: that certain French wit-  
nesses who had made affidavits  
had been kept in the Colony for  
some days to the knowledge of  
all parties concerned so that  
their evidence on affidavit as to  
the ownership and identity of  
the "Chai Sang" could be chal-  
lenged by cross-examination or  
otherwise if it was seen fit to  
do but that they had not  
been cross-examined nor had  
any affidavits been filed chal-  
lenging their statements. He  
asked me to rule that it was  
not now open to Counsel for the  
plaintiffs to say that the French  
Government was not the true  
owner. I ruled accordingly be-  
cause I considered that denial  
of ownership should have been  
raised before the motion came  
to be heard.

"The plaintiffs were well  
aware from the notice of mo-  
tion, which was dated 8th  
March, that the French Govern-  
ment claimed to intervene on  
the ground that it was the  
owner of the "Chai Sang." It  
was their duty to intimate to  
the interveners before the hear-  
ing by filing affidavits in reply  
or otherwise that they were chal-  
lenging the affidavits on the  
question of ownership. If that  
fact was being challenged and  
the interveners had notice  
thereof, then they might have  
come to the hearing prepared,  
if necessary, with additional  
evidence on the point.

"In my opinion, the affidavits  
showing proof of identity and  
of ownership were of such a  
nature that it would have re-  
quired strong evidence to the  
contrary to persuade me that  
the French Government was  
not the owner of the vessel now  
called the "Chai Sang."

"In the present case, it has  
been proved to my satisfaction  
that the French Government  
were the owners of the vessel  
when the cause of action arose  
in this Court. They may have  
lost physical possession, but  
they have never parted with their  
right of possession.

"For those reasons, I held  
that the French Government  
was impleaded in the proceed-  
ings before the Court and the  
result that the Court had no  
jurisdiction. I accordingly al-

lowed the motion and made a  
declaration that the French  
Government was entitled to the  
possession of the steamship  
"Chai Sang" known in these pro-  
ceedings as the "Chai Sang."  
The question of the costs of  
these proceedings and that of  
the purchaser's is reserved.

"On May 3, 1947, in Cham-  
berlain, I refused the purchaser's  
application for the refund of the  
purchaser's commission  
fee, and for interest accrued  
on the purchase price, which  
sum was lodged in Court, an  
application which was made  
against the Registrar of this  
Court."

"I don't do anything, apart  
from stealing" was the reply  
given to Mr. d'Almada's ques-  
tion as to defendant's occupation,  
when Chan Tak appeared before  
His Worship yesterday at Central  
on a charge of being in possession  
of an implement for an unlawful  
purpose.

Defendant was sentenced to six  
months hard labour and at the  
termination of his sentence is to  
be deported back to his native  
village in Canton.

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Smugglers  
Forwarding  
Co., Un-Ltd.

(By "Paul Pry")  
South China smugglers  
are now operating three  
main "traffic routes"  
from Hong Kong to Can-  
ton and the hinterland.

Regular rates for shipment  
on c.i.f. lines, are quoted by  
these gangs, which have all the  
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# BEVIN ON THE FAR EAST

## Tremendous Changes In All Asia

### Peace Dependent On India

Margate, May 29. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Bevin, who devoted a great part of his speech at the Labour Party Conference here today to India, Burma, Indonesia, China and Japan, received an overwhelming vote of confidence when every opposition resolution was defeated on a show of hands. So complete was the victory that no one asked for a formal count of votes.

"All I ask this conference to do is to be quite straight with me and either to support a policy or reject it," he said. The conference gave him its unstinted support.

The whole Asiatic world, Mr. Bevin declared, is undergoing such a tremendous change that it will have to be handled with the greatest possible care.

"If we keep our eyes entirely on Europe and forget the Far East, then danger may spring up in an unexpected way."

India, he said, is going through the birth-pangs of complete independence. "The peace of the world in future and for many years to come will depend to a very large extent on the solution of the Indian problem. That is one of the places where, if by any chance there is a breakdown or chaos or civil war, it might create the very mischief that everybody is frightened of. The same thing applies to Burma."

"In Indonesia, we have struggled hard to bring about a settle-

ment. I can only hope that the settlement will be effective. People did not realize that if the Netherlands East Indies had peace it would alter the whole picture in that great area."

"The introduction of peace in China, Indonesia and a settlement with Japan will open up the distribution of foods, fats, oils, raw materials, silk textiles, as well as thousands of other things which go to make up all the amenities of life for the world as a whole."

#### Jap. Peace Treaty

Declaring that the peace treaty with Japan "will come in the 'realm of practical negotiations' very soon," Mr. Bevin said: "We have come to the conclusion that the methods adopted at Potsdam of trying to settle this problem of peace with four Foreign Ministers or five will not be satisfactory."

"Countries who have fought in these wars have a right to be heard and in the war with Japan, there were 11 countries involved. I take the view that those eleven countries should form a peace conference and should be there to see the thing through."

Turning to the Middle-East, Mr. Bevin said: "We were mainly responsible for the creation of independent Arab countries and that independence is growing. In that area is oil, but our policy is not to limit our interests to oil."

"What I have been trying to do is to encourage other great social experiments and industrial developments in that part of the world, so that the wealth taken out of the country flows back in."

The delegates stood and applauded for several minutes after

#### BEVIN'S NIGHT AT ETON

Margate, May 29. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, told the Labour Party conference today that he had nothing against the schools of Eton and Harrow, which Mr. Churchill attended.

"I have been to both places," said Mr. Bevin. "I spent one night at Eton and one afternoon at Harrow." He added that he left school at the age of 11.—United Press.

Mr. Bevin had finished his hour and a quarter speech.

#### Outcome Of Debate

The outcome of today's debate is the clear evidence that there is in the British labour movement no solid body of opinion prepared to challenge the Government's foreign policy by direct attack.

The delegates had given Mr. Bevin a very warm welcome but there was genuine ovation when he had ended. His only direct attack on the "rebels" — a bitter remark that he was "stabbed in the back" at a moment when in his American talks he was negotiating to obtain more food for the British people — got a very strong applause.

The delegates were clearly willing to demonstrate not only to Mr. Bevin himself, but to the outside world, that the labour movement was solidly behind him in his international negotiations, whatever individual criticisms might be made.

As a direct political issue, it may be said that today's vote on the foreign policy, the rebellion has gone up in smoke. It has become clear that the critical opinion was far more strongly represented in the Parliamentary Labour Party than in the rank and file.

But that does not mean that no important differences continue to exist.

Only, as yesterday's vote on the motion for a reduction of military commitments shows, these differences may continue to arise over the specific way in which foreign affairs affect Britain's economic position rather than over the direct issues of foreign policy.—Reuter.

#### Surgery Lagging Behind

Paris, May 29. Jose Arce, Argentine delegate to the United Nations and internationally-known surgeon, today said surgery has not progressed as rapidly as medicine in the last ten years.

Senior Arce, a member of the French Academy of Medicine and Surgery, said:—

"I don't believe the 1939-45 war gave surgery as much of a chance to improve its technique as in the 1914-18 war. In fact, surgery in the past ten years has not made nearly as much progress as medicine."

"In the field of cancer, I am sorry to say that even with present methods cancer is not regressing. If surgery has made some advances in this field, it is because we can now operate quicker... because of faster medical diagnosis. On the other hand, tuberculosis now is practically always curable. There is no doubt that through new medical discoveries tuberculosis soon will be mastered."

Senior Arce said he was making his statements general because he had not practised since 1945 and was presenting his opinions as "a former surgeon who is still interested in the question."—United Press.

#### Round The World

Zurich:—It was announced on Wednesday that 205 delegates and 600 observers will attend the International Socialist conference at Zurich on July 7 and 8 to discuss the restoration of the Socialist International, the Italian and German questions and the status of the German Socialist Party.

Vienna:—The Austrian Cabinet food directorate on Wednesday termed the food outlook "good" and said that collections in provinces have been "satisfactory" in the last two weeks.

Vatican City:—Pope Pius today appointed Monsignor Nennori Carlos de Cavallero Chamorro as Bishop of Porto Vecchio, Ecuador. He is now the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Porto Vecchio.

Rome:—The Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, received the Cuban Minister, Oscar Gans, this morning in a long cordial conversation.

Vatican City:—Pope Pius today granted a private audience to Monsignor Henri Muthier Turas, Bishop of Nalaco and Coadjutor with the right of succession to Monsignor Langlois, apostolic Vicar of Grouard, Canada.—United Press.

Budapest:—The Hungarian Economic Board today decided to clamp state control on Hungary's 13 major banks, appointing state commissioners to supervise them.

Lisbon:—The War Department on Wednesday granted an amnesty to all its officials and military men condemned of disciplinary or military crimes except those guilty of rebellion or crime against defence or security. The occasion was President General Antonio Carneiro's promotion to Marshal.—United Press.

#### ONE IN EVERY TWO

Berlin, May 29. American Economics Division figures showed today that American and British taxpayers paid for one of every two slices of bread consumed in their zones of Germany.—United Press.

## Britain's Policy On Far East Peace

(By Sylvain Mangeot)

London, May 29.

The statement of British policy for procedure in the Far Eastern settlement made by Mr. Bevin, in his foreign policy survey at Margate today is seen in some quarters here as the most original single section of the speech which otherwise consisted mainly of an elaboration of the already known British viewpoints.

Mr. Bevin demanded that the eleven Allied Powers who fought Japan should be in from the Far Eastern peace conference to the conclusion of treaty negotiations. This is a departure from the procedure adopted by the Big Four during the satellite peace talks and would mean that Far Eastern peace would be made on an entirely new pattern.

Mr. Bevin made this clear when he expressed his belief that if the method he proposed were adopted, the Japanese peace treaty could be negotiated much more speedily than the European treaties.

The Foreign Secretary's proposal also takes into account the special role played by Australia during the Far Eastern war and Australia's insistence on her right to be a major participant in the Japanese settlement.

"Medium Allies" It was largely to safeguard their position in the Far Eastern settlement that the "Medium Allies" representatives adopted in Paris such a strong line on the right to full participation of the "medium Allies" in working out a peace settlement for satellite countries.

It now seems certain that when the question of calling a Far Eastern peace conference is

#### HIGHEST TRIBUTE

Washington, May 29. Lt.-Gen. James Doolittle, who is now president of the Air Force Association, said that preparedness against "future war would be the highest tribute the nation could pay to the war dead."—United Press.

London, May 29. Field-Marshal Lord Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in India, who attended the recent War Office staff course at Camberley, left for India by plane early this morning.—Reuter.

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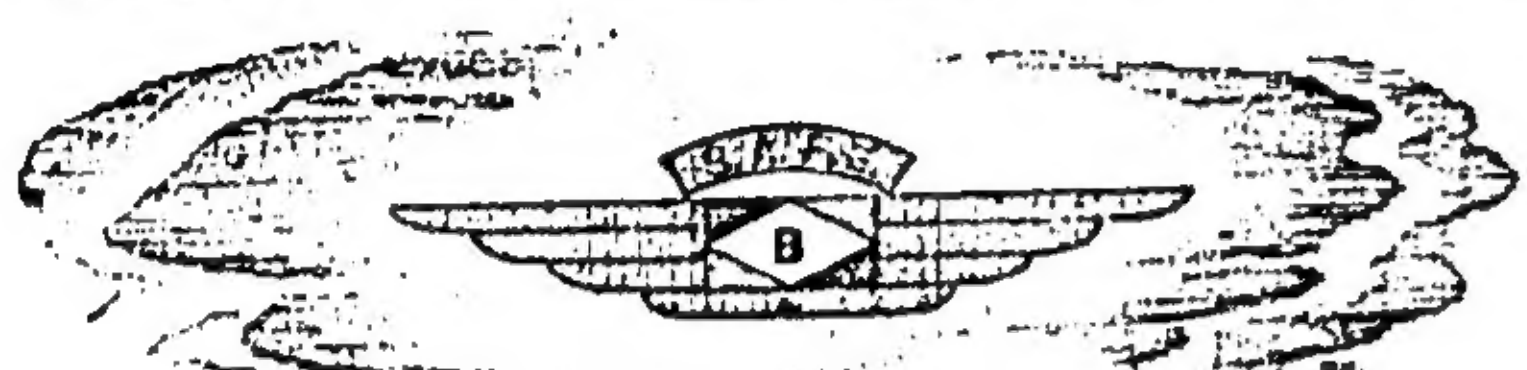
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## WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The appeal has today been launched for the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund and little needs to be added to what has already been said in advocacy of a generous response. Sir Mark Young's farewell message on the eve of his departure is still fresh in most people's memories, with its earnest insistence that the immediate objects of the Fund represent a debt of honour owed by this community to victims of the war, and we feel every confidence that his appeal will prove not to have been made in vain. The fund has, as its primary purpose, "to render assistance both to the dependants of members of the Colony's defence services who died in action or captivity and also to members of those Services who by reason of wounds or injuries, are themselves now in need of assistance." Satisfaction of this debt of honour is not a matter that can be left over indefinitely. There are widows and orphans in our midst in dire straits, for whom no adequate provision has been made or can be made under the normal rules and regulations of governmental finance. The pittance that is granted to widows of members of the Volunteers has already been given wide publicity in these columns. To their number has to be added the families who have no legal claims to pensions, the dependants of men who died under Kempeitai torture rather than surrender their loyalty to the Allied cause. Early relief in several such cases is urgent and imperative. The longer-range aims of the War Memorial Fund, too, are such as should persuade Hong Kong to open-handed generosity, for they envisage measures for the amelioration of conditions among the Colony's under-privileged and tangible additions to the Colony's social amenities. These are aims to which all can subscribe, in memory, and in thanksgiving that war's shadow has been lifted. Contributions to the Fund should be addressed to Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, and cheques should be crossed and made payable to "The Hong Kong War Memorial Fund."

## HOOVER ARGUMENT

Ex-President Hoover's accusation that Russia is determinedly delaying the rehabilitation of the former Axis nations opens a wide avenue for reflection. That there has been continuous obstruction is plain to all observers, but it is not so easy to follow Mr. Hoover further when he asserts that it is "a method by which the United States can be bled white by relief measures." A simpler explanation is that the Soviet understands only one form of co-operation, that which implies concession all along the line to the Soviet point of view. In a subsequent press conference, Mr. Hoover said he would not regard the making of a separate peace with Germany and Japan as a violation of any international agreement. That, possibly, is easier to concede, though how much gain it would achieve is a moot point. Nothing like complete recovery can be accomplished without Russia's willing adherence to a general rehabilitation scheme. The attitude of France, too, demands attention. Get both of them in and, as Mr. Hoover was prepared to admit, world economic recovery would probably come within two or three years. But a decision to "make do" without them would postpone it indefinitely.

# Super-Sonics--The Weapon Of Tomorrow

## By A Special Correspondent

Across a green field something flashed. No one could see it, no one could hear it, it had no form, and no substance, but it killed swiftly, with silent force.

Top-secret weapon after the atom bomb—super-sound—had been at work. True, its victim was only a rabbit, slaughtered at 100 yards by the pressing of a switch. But tomorrow.....?

Will Super-sound be the weapon of a third World War? Scientists outside a tight ring of secrecy which surrounds official research in Britain and America—and in other countries where the thought of war is taken seriously—say no, that is unless another war is a very long way off. But there were people who said much the same about atomic energy.

Ever since the walls of Jericho fell, man has had an inkling of the power of sound, has known it as a possible killer. Men have perished from the sound of bells and sirens, have suffered mysterious sicknesses after hearing even distant noises.

But Super-sound has been known only recently. Its powers, infinitely greater than those of the mere sound which can be heard, are still half-mystery. Its potentialities, though not without promise of some good, are sinister.

### Alarm

That is why workers in Britain's jet factories, where aeroplanes testing at speed throw off "noises" which are higher than the human ear can catch, are frightened. Might—what happened to the rabbit happen to them?

Almost certainly not. People are being bombarded by super-sounds all the time, without ill-effect. It is only when the super-sounds—on "supersonics" as they are called—are concentrated into a beam that they become dangerous.

Left to themselves, super-sounds, like ordinary sounds, radiate outwards in all directions; but when they are produced artificially in a sound gun—the contraption which killed the rabbit—they rush out together with all the punch which hundreds of thousands of vibrations occurring every second can give.

Super-sounds kill by "shaking-up." All these vibrations suddenly concentrating on living tissue dislocate and smash the delicate mechanism of life.

The sound gun, which acts on the principle of a simple quartz crystal being violently oscillated in a small space with an outlet in one direction only, has not yet been tried on man. Wartime experiments, shrouded in as much secrecy as Radar and the Manhattan Project, failed.

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### The Obstacles

Chief obstacles still to be overcome are immobility (for the sound gun needs a lot of power for setting up the necessary oscillations) and the difficulty of switching the beam from one object to another. They may prove insuperable.

Official secrecy is strict, for super-sounds have more uses in war than potential death-rays. At Britain's Ministry of Supply, which controls all warlike research, officials say that this is a "forbidden" subject, and then are silent.

Of course, there is nothing secret about their existence. Almost everyone who has been to school knows that above the highest notes our ears—very limited instruments—can hear, are countless others which are silent to us because our hearing mechanism cannot cope with more than 20,000 vibrations a second.

Naturalists are aware, for instance, that the humming bird goes on singing long after it has passed what is to us its highest note, that it is to say that its throat goes on pulsing with silent song. They know, too, that man hears only about half of the cricket's chirp, the other half being high up in the realm of Super-sound.

It is the application of these principles to modern warfare which has been kept under lock and key.

### Bat's Method

It was with the help of super-sounds that the British Navy fought the U-boat menace in the recent war up to the advent of Radar. The device used was a simple imitation of the bat's method of finding its way in the dark.

One of the wonders of Nature is that the bat can fly blindfold, avoiding even the flimsiest obstacle placed in its way. It does this by sending out from the tip of its long, pointed nose beam of super-sounds vastly higher than the squeak by which human beings know of a bat's presence; and these, striking against the obstacles, send back echoes which the bat's big, trumpet-like ears pick up. The

echoes vary so exactly with the distance of the obstacle that the bat can judge its way within the tiniest fraction of an inch.

The Navy, taking its cue from the bat, installed in its warships submarine-detecting devices which sent super-sounds down into the water and recorded the echoes which they made on striking submerged objects.

It is not hard to think of other fields, opened up by the advances in scientific fighting which the closing years of World War II revealed, in which super-sounds can be employed, and in which scientists in many countries are experimenting. Super-sounds may yet prove to be the means of intercepting approaching rockets; and at the other end they may help in the control of guided missiles.

But super-sounds have their peacetime uses, too, and their possibilities for helping civilisation, as well as for destroying it, are limitless.

### Penetration

Super-sounds can, in time, answer many others of humanity's problems. It is not over-fanciful to suggest that some day they may replace the knife in more than one branch of surgery, owing to their tremendous powers of penetration.

The sound gun has proved, too, to be far more effective, and far cheaper, than the machinery previously used for emulsifying, the process of mixing oil with other ingredients. A vessel containing, say, oil and water, and placed in the path of a super-sound beam, is filled with such violent agitation that the oil is split into billions of tiny particles and mixes easily.

Super-sounds will age new wine, giving it the flavour and the "bouquet" of rare old vintages. In Britain even the laundries are experimenting with them, seeking a way of shaking rather than washing the dirt out of peoples' clothes.

Meanwhile, little machines very like the Navy's submarine detectors are being fitted into hundreds of fishtrawlers. Simplified so that even the roughest old sailor can use them, they show at a glance when there

(Continued at foot of Col. 7)

## Rain Of Death--A New Atom Theory

By ELTON C. FAY

Paris, May 29.  
 Constantly a thorn in the side of the Germans during the occupation, France's "zazous" have now become the chief propaganda target of the Communist-controlled labour unions.

The wartime "zazous" movement was a rebellion against the militant German work program-

and the jitterbugs in the juke-box joints.

"The cry to put these parasites to work has come spontaneously from France's labourers who see them loafing around in their fancy clothes, spending money in the night clubs."

The CGT spokesman admitted the organisation had no concrete programme for putting the "zazous" to work and denied it is advocating forced labour.

"For my part," he said bitterly, "it would not hurt me at all to see these people herded into labour camps. Freedom is relative and does not extend to living off the work of my fellow men. But of course, we don't seek any such extreme measures."

"To tell you the truth the campaign against the zazous was launched without any very solid programme. It is up to the law-makers to figure out means of putting them to work."

—United Press.

They want the "zazous" put to work.

During the two most recent big-scale demonstrations of French labour, manifestants carried placards and shouted the slogans, "Les Zazous au travail!" (Zazous to work); and "Les oléists au boulot" (Loafers to work).

A spokesman for the General Labour Confederation (CGT) told the United Press it is estimated there are still at least 100,000 "zazous and oléists" of both sexes in Paris and other metropolitan centres.

"They include the sons and daughters of wealthy parents who do not have to earn a living as well as large numbers of young people who would have worked before the war, but who are now able to find easier and more lucrative ways of earning a living."

"They are the black market operators, prostitutes, smugglers and procurers you see around the streets of Montmartre. They include the Arabs peddling cigarettes on the street corners

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You need more confidence in your work, Slug—confidence in a monetary system is what makes it operate as a medium of exchange!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

### FORCE CHOICE OF EVILS

Many of the prettiest plays in the game are those which offer the opposition a choice of evils. The declarer first builds up a situation which he has planned. Then the opponent must make his selection after the next move. If it is a squeeze, his option is between either of two or more different discards any of which will cost him a trick. If it is a throw-in play, he can pick between two or more different leads on the return, either of which wrecks him.

S. A K J 8 4 2  
 H. 10 7 4 2  
 D. A K 10  
 C. K 8

S. 10 6  
 H. 10 9 5  
 D. A K 10  
 C. K 8

S. 3  
 H. A K J 6 8  
 D. J 6 4 2  
 C. 6 4

(Dealer South. Both sides vulnerable.)  
 South West North East  
 Pass 1 D Db1 Pass  
 2 H Pass 3 D Pass  
 4 H Pass 5 H.

South, who was a canny attorney, John J. Robinson, playing with another keen member of the same profession, Archi McGrath, was sound to refuse that slam invitation, feeling he had already bid enough. Because of his pass and his ensuing play, he won a fine score for the Montauk Club of Brooklyn in the strong Mayfair Club duplicate in New York.

He ruffed the diamond K which lead with dummy's heart 2.

(Continued from Col. 5.)

are shoals of fish under the keel, and so vastly ease the fishermen's task. Something very similar is being used by the Admiralty for mapping the seabottom, and locating wrecks.

### Everyday Affairs

Recently it has been found that super-sound beams, penetrating steel, will discover flaws, even through thicknesses of 20 feet and more. British railways are using them regularly for testing axles.

In fact, the harnessing of super-sounds to peaceful purposes is gradually becoming an everyday affair, though how far it is keeping pace with their employment for more sinister ends is a question of which the answer is a State secret in many lands.

Little is publicly known of the dangers they may hold for mankind, even when peaceably employed—the very dangers of which the jet men are now apprehensive. Minor effects are known to be apathy and drowsiness; future possibilities are madness... and the rabbit's death.

scored the spade A, ruffed the spade 2 with the heart 3, ruffed the diamond 4 with the heart 4, then led the heart 8 to the K. He ruffed the diamond 5 with the heart J, discarding dummy's club 7, then threw West in with the heart 6 to the 10. West had left only the diamond A-10 and club K-8, North the club A and spade K-J-8, South the diamond J-6 and club 6-4. East had only the spade Q and club Q-10-9.

All that West could now score was his diamond A. After that, a club return would give North the remaining three tricks, and a diamond would give South the J of that suit, whereupon a club lead to dummy would bring the other two tricks needed to complete his contract.

It was a nice example of piling an impossible assignment onto the shoulders of an opponent.

### Tomorrow's Problem

S. K 7 2  
 H. Q 8  
 D. K Q 9 6  
 C. K Q J 6

S. 8 6 3  
 H. K 5  
 D. J 10 5  
 C. 9 3 2

S. A Q 9 5 4  
 H. A J  
 D. 7  
 C. A 10 7 5 4

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)  
 After North's 1 Diamond, East's 1-Heart, South's 1-Spade and North's 2-Clubs, what should South bid?

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# INDIA PLANS IN MELTING PLOT

## "Adjustment" Of Central Government Scheme

### Local Agreement In Bengal?

(From Fraser Wighton)

Political circles are now confident that the proposal for "adjustment" of the India Central Government machine will emerge from next week's Delhi conference if India's leaders decide to shelve the Cabinet Mission for United India and choose some form of Hindustan and Pakistan.

With the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, on his way back to Delhi and all constitutional plans virtually in the melting pot until after his next contact with the Indian leaders, observers here are reluctant to forecast the form that this "adjustment" will take.

They are convinced, however, that in the event of a decision for division of India the British Government will impress upon India the urgency of setting up the most effective interim machinery to expedite the transfer of power to the respective territories. This aspect of the problem is believed to have been given much attention by Cabinet experts and the Viceroy in their recent London discussions.

Official quarters are likely to continue to keep strict silence about both conversations and the plans emerging from them until arrangements are announced simultaneously in Delhi and Parliament.

Through British Eyes  
Seen through British eyes, any decision to divide will involve

## NO ILLUSIONS

London, May 29.  
India again figures prominently in the leading weekly periodicals in the light of next week's announcement by Lord Mountbatten.

The leftwing "Tribune" says that this time Britain must

## 85 DEGREES IN LONDON

London, May 29.  
Spring weather hit England today with the early afternoon temperature soaring to 85 degrees—the highest since last July.

The skies were cloudless and the sun was brilliant. The mercury rose ten degrees above yesterday's top reading.

The forecast is "fair and warm," with scattered showers tonight.—United Press.

both Britain and India in a complicated series of arrangements which will take up the whole time between now and June, 1948. For that reason, it is thought that efforts will be made to keep the conference which will take final decisions as short as possible and to press on with whatever plans are agreed among the leaders.

It seems evident that until Indian leaders have given the proposed plan their approval, the proposed constitutional picture will be known only in outline.

Observers here are following with close interest the situation in Bengal. Reports from Delhi published in London suggest that the present political moves are increasing the prospect of complete agreement between Congress and the Moslem League.

—Reuter.

## Arabs And Jews All Het Up

Jerusalem, May 29.

Just before the arrival of the United Nations fact-finding commission there is a strange state of confusion here, with Arabs becoming annoyed with Jews, and Jews getting mad at other Jews on the question of policy.

Some Arabs are upset because they see no established policy. Zionists are debating heatedly among themselves on the question of partition or a complete Jewish State.

The Arab newspaper "Falastin" summed up its annoyance in the significant headline "They Act While We Make Statements." The paper pointed out that Jews were busy making preparations for the commission and with gaining its sympathy, while Arabs were sitting idly by.

"Falastin" Arabs have done nothing so far and no preparations are yet made to present their case to the international committee," the paper said. "They are only satisfied with those statements that were made by some of their representatives detracting the committee's reputation, together with calling for a boycott."

"We would have been able to understand had we only decided, in conjunction with sister-countries, on non-cooperation. But nothing of this sort has taken place. What is the benefit of gaining the hostility of the committee for nothing? The lack of internal organization is the sole reason for our disorder here, which greatly affects the efforts of the neighboring countries."

"We do not call for cooperation or non-cooperation with the committee. We only discuss the disorder that accompanies our acts and that is of great detriment to our cause."

**Hornet's Nest**  
Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, stirred up a hornet's nest upon arrival here from the United States when he expressed personal views advocating partition. In reality, many Zionists feel as Mr. Ben-Gurion does, but will not acknowledge it publicly, because the ultimate aim is a Jewish State in all of Palestine, and they believe that any lesser concession would weaken their case.

The Hebrew newspaper, "Yedioth Aharonot," says: "We

## Gandhi Won't Give An Inch

New Delhi, May 29.

Mr. Gandhi said tonight that he would "never give up an inch of India on concede Pakistan"—the Moslem League demand for a Moslem state.

Gandhi, in a post-prayer speech, reiterated that Britain should stand by the May 16, 1946, Cabinet Mission statement on a federated India.

"On the eve of independence, the Hindus and Moslems are fighting each other," Gandhi said. "Britain's duty is to stand by the May 16 statement."

"Congress should not go back on it, neither should the British Government."

"Even if the whole of India burns, I will never give up an inch of India or concede Pakistan."

"I do not subscribe to the view that the British are dishonest. Let Lord Mountbatten bear out this belief in the British by sticking to the May 16 statement when he returns."

The Indian leader's post-prayer speech today was much longer than usual.—United Press.

## Mystery Moves By Franco

London, May 29.

A reliable Spanish source told the United Press today that Generalissimo Francisco Franco, for mysterious reasons of his own, is salting Spanish diplomatic establishments in the Western Hemisphere with noted Falangists.

"Jose Lequerica is a case in point," the source said. Lequerica, who was Spanish Ambassador to Vichy and who reportedly arranged the Petain capitulation to Hitler, was nominated Ambassador to the United States about two years ago. The United States refused to accept him.

"Now Franco has named him Inspector General of Embassies and Consulates—a post that never before existed and the duties of which never have been clearly explained."

"In this capacity he finally arranged for Lequerica to go to Washington. Why? I don't know."

Lequerica, who, according to the report, was so confident of an Axis victory, that he kept

## U.S. Relief Programme Getting Under Way

Washington, May 29.

The Secretary of State, General Marshall, said today that officials hoped to start shipments under the US\$350,000,000 relief programme within a week or ten days. He said the measure had gone to the President, who was expected to sign it shortly and request the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make an immediate grant of US\$75,000,000 to start operations.

The measure is designed to provide post-UNRRA relief to Austria, Hungary, Italy, Poland and China.

General Marshall said that when the President signed the bill he also would issue executive authority conveying authority to put its administrative aspects into effect. He said the President would send to the Senate for confirmation a note on the administrator for this relief.

**Tentative Plan**  
The Secretary said it was not planned at present to earmark definite overall amounts for participating countries. He added that the tentative schedule of shipments was the period from June 1 to September 30 and he hoped actual shipments would start within a week or ten days. He also said the United States

task of leading New Asia.

Another jettisoning review, "New Statesman and Nation," after referring to the reported offers of some of the Princes to make strategic bases available to the British Commonwealth, asserts:—

"It is obvious that we ought not to back the reactionary Princes with British bayonets. It is equally obvious that future British relations with the rest of India would be dangerously prejudiced if Pakistan were to secure British support by becoming a dominion, while Hindustan stood outside the Commonwealth as an independent republic. Quitting India must mean the evacuation of the whole sub-continent."—Reuter.

## U.P. Man Denies Charge

Athens, May 29.

United Press correspondent Robert Vermillion today filed with the United States Embassy a memorandum denying an accusation by the Greek Minister of War that he was a Communist.

The charge against Vermillion was made in a letter which the War Minister, George Stratos, wrote to two members of Parliament. The letter, which was published in Athens newspapers on May 27, charged that the Greek War Relief Association, through its Communist personnel gave aid and comfort to guerrilla bands. Stratos' letter said:—

"Robert Vermillion and his wife, Rosemary, American journalists in the Communist crowd, visited members of guerrilla bands, using Greek War Relief cars. They published articles in the American press concerning unimaginable Fascist

## HE DOESN'T KNOW WHY

New Delhi, May 29.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Frontier Congress leader—known as the Frontier Gandhi—said in Peshawar today:—

"I am at a loss to understand why we are fighting when we are all brothers, irrespective of our political views. I think it is the British who are pulling the wires behind the curtain."

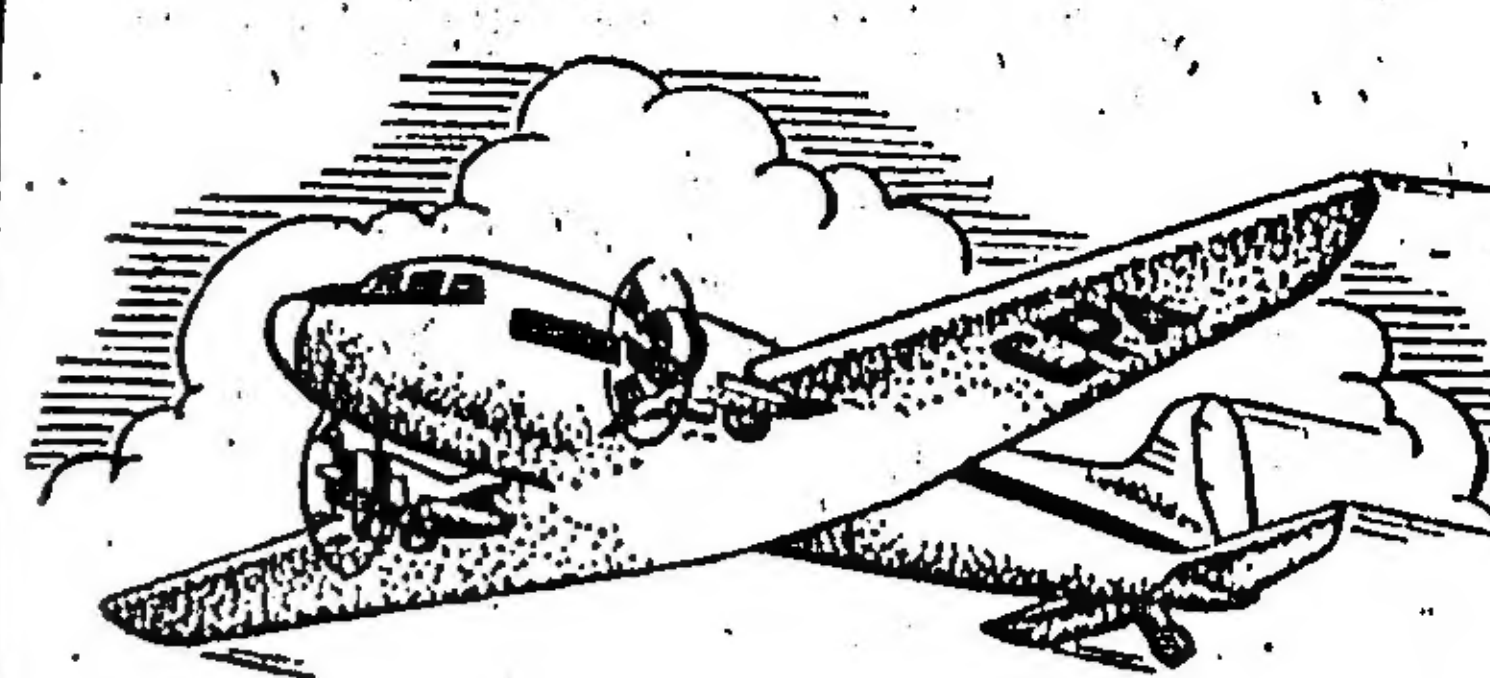
"I even told Lord Mountbatten that it was the Frontier Governor who was responsible for all this trouble in the Frontier. In my opinion the Frontier Governor failed in his duty to maintain law and order, and this is the main reason why the new (armed) organization, Zalmal Paktoon, came into existence to defend the people against lawlessness and violence."

"I am dead against this violence, as it can only lead to destruction. Non-violence has its secret power and has achieved for India what bloody wars cannot."—Reuter.

terrorism that was exercised over the Greek people."

Vermillion's memorandum to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Lincoln McVesey, stated that neither he nor his wife was Communist; that his wife had departed from Greece three and a half months prior to the incident to which Stratos referred; and that no reference was made in any dispatch which he wrote to Fascist terrorism.

Vermillion's memorandum did not request Mr. McVesey to take any action.—United Press.



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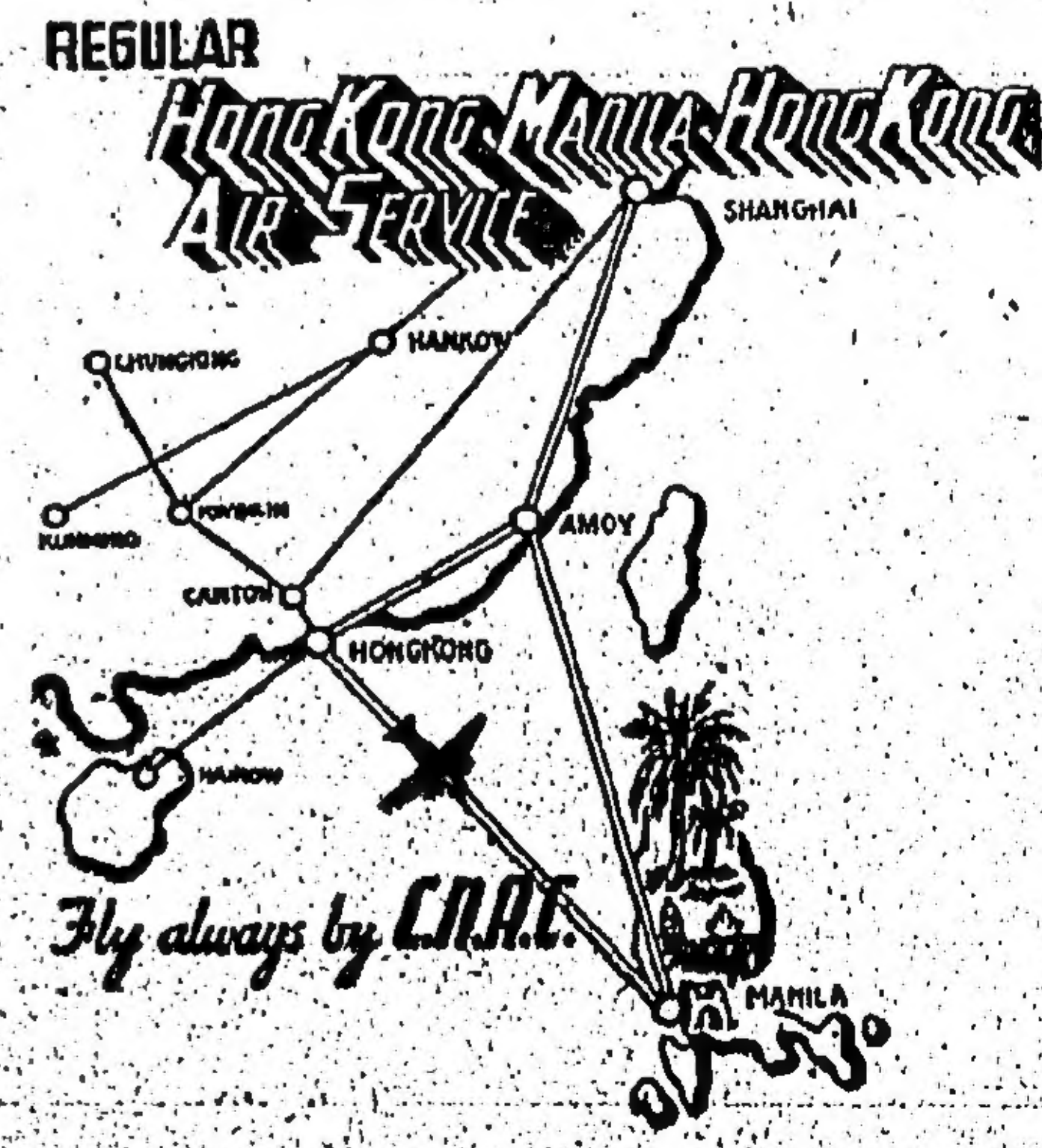
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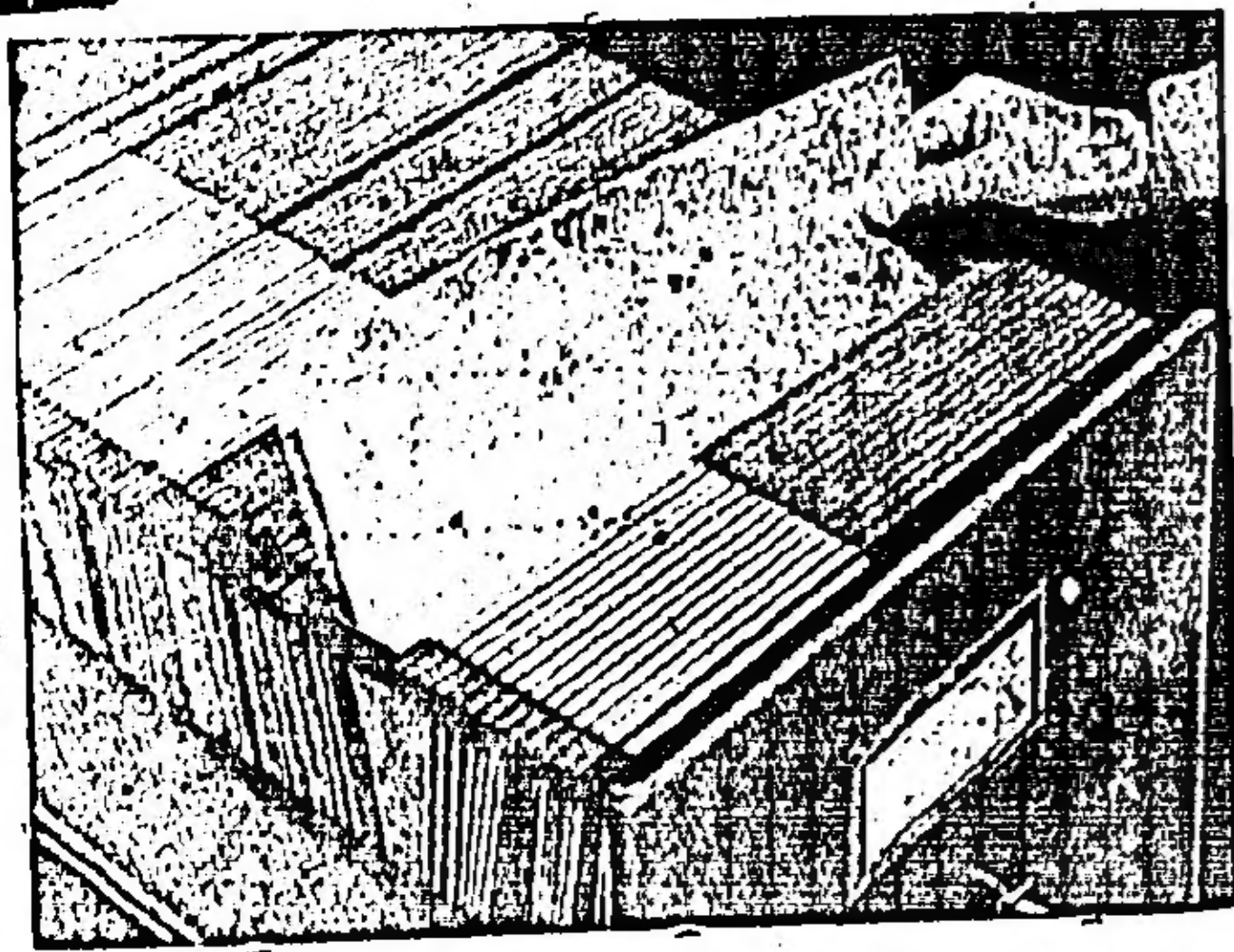
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Peter Lovegrove Writes On

## YOUR B.B.C. OVERSEAS RADIO THIS WEEK

Two years old this autumn, the Forces Educational Broadcasts now appeal to a far wider audience than the citizens in uniform for whom they were originally intended.

They are transmitted in the Light Programme of the Home Service as well as the General Overseas Service. When they were discontinued last autumn, there were such numerous protests from civilians all-over Britain—that the BBC undertook a 'fresh series beginning at the end of December. Again, when the fuel cuts in February curtailed home programmes, the schools and the Press campaigned vigorously for their resumption.

What is the secret of their wide success? Undoubtedly it is that they are, first and foremost, lively and informative features, entertaining in their own right. In "Under Big Ben," "Current Affairs" and the "World of Work," listeners get the facts, fairly and without bias, about conditions and developments at home; up-to-the-minute impartial news on the big issues of the day; in the sphere of trade and commerce and industry; scientific discoveries; and, for the man in uniform, details of training and resettlement schemes. Leading artists, such as Adrian Bault and Muir Matheson, and experts explain musical trends; and help and advice in the choice and use of words are given in "Plain English."

### Plain English

There is no magisterial touch, nor any well-meaning "talking down." They are couched in language which you and I can understand. Bright short sketches and dramatic interludes are introduced as "latter-day slides." In some cases, members of the Forces are invited to the studio to take part. In others, employers, managers, shop stewards and T.U. representatives have been heard. There have been backroom stories of leading British industries; brief biographies of leaders of Britain's industrial revolution; and accounts of the efforts of the workers to better their living standard and working conditions.

The other day I witnessed one of the "Plain English" programmes being transmitted from

One of the most popular broadcasts from London is the F.E.B. or Forces Educational Broadcast. This week's round-up includes An Old Parlour Game, the Reunion of the Forgotten Army, How Hitler Died, The Story of English Cricket and Sporting Events.

a studio off Wardour Street. It didn't appear very exciting according to the syllabus—"Tips about how to use words in discussion or debate"—but it turned out to be a stimulating argument between Henry Small, a neat and dapper Strand elocution expert who knew the inside of Italian POW camps a few years ago, and two young sergeants on leave in London, Sgt. Roberts of the R.A.E.O. and pretty, dark-haired ATS Sgt. Pace, both of the A.A. Command in Shorncliffe. This was one debate in which the elocution expert did not have matters all his own way. Robert Marsden, who reads extracts from classics, and producer Geoffrey Earle also joined in the fun.

**The Listener's Reaction**  
Between the end of the rehearsal and the flashing of the red light signifying that the studio was "on the air," Earle, keen, enthusiastic, grey-haired, who has been producing the series since the FEB's were first conceived, told me how he is kept on his toes by the Services listening groups.

One of the greatest difficulties in the way of making effective radio programmes is to take into account what is really happening at the listening end. Programme makers cannot be in two places at once. But the FEB producers are better off in this respect than many of their comrades—they know to a certain extent what happens at the other end.

The Services listening groups use the broadcasts as a basis for further discussion and for briefing instructors, and their candid comments are welcome and given full weight. Then Earle makes a good deal of personal contacts with Unit Education Officers and groups in Britain. He has visited units and arranged demonstration periods in camps. And Service listeners on leave in London at any time are welcome to call at Broadcasting House and discuss

any FEB problems they may care to raise.

**This Week's Highlights**  
This week, overseas listeners can hear a programme which has been entertaining Britain and B.A.O.R. more than somewhat for two months. It is "Twenty Questions," the radio version of the parlour game in which one side chooses the thing to be guessed and the other side guesses by asking questions—animal, vegetable, mineral and so on. The secret is betrayed to listeners by a ghost voice from another studio, while the studio audience is shown what it is by a placard. Stewart MacPherson, versatile Winnipeg-born broadcaster, handles the answers to the "Twenty Questions" which the teams of experts ask in his usual inimitable way. The experts include BBC war-reporter Richard Dimbleby, Jack Train ("Colonel Chinstrap"), actress Anona Wynn and Olga Collett, and they're not often stumped (0930 hours on 1st June; 1715 hours on 4th June).

**Burma Reunion**  
Men and women of the Royal Navy, the Army and the R.A.F. who earned the Burma Star will be the guests at a Burma reunion in the Royal Albert Hall, London, on June 2nd. Famous personalities of the war including the 14th Army Commander, General Slim, will be with them, and three of the principal speeches will be broadcast at 1730 hours on 2nd, June and 0930 hours on 3rd June. The scene will be set by the Frank Owen, well-known to all who served in Burma as the editor of "SEAC" and present editor of the "London Daily Mail".

At 1400 hours on 6th, June, you will hear a strange, almost incredible story—the story of how Hitler, having at last despaired of victory, locked himself for ten

days in an underground bunker, and there, surrounded by the relics of his court, sought to carry out to its logical conclusion his original formula, World Power or Ruin, on the afternoon of 30th April 1945.

It is taken from the book by Hugh Trevor Roper, an Oxford historian who became an intelligence officer with 212 Army Group and was given the task of finding everything he could about the closing days of Hitler and the Nazi regime.

### For Cricket Lovers

He cross-examined minutely twenty-one people who had been in the bunker during the last and darkest period, and pored over masses of documents, such as telegrams sent from Berlin in the last fortnight of the Nazi regime. Hitler's will—found still sewn in the coat-lining of the original bearers; the marriage certificate of Hitler and Eva Braun, and various other papers, some hidden in a trunk deposited in a Bavarian village, others in a glass bottle buried in a Westphalian back-garden. Lord's, ground of the Marylebone Cricket Club and the headquarters of the game at home, was opened in St. John's Wood in 1834 by Thomas Lord. To tell the story of Lord's it is necessary to tell the story of the M.C.C. and so of English cricket; further, such a story cannot be told without a wealth of anecdote and reminiscence about the great personalities of the game. This programme, which no cricket enthusiast should miss, is at 0545 and 1015 hours on 3rd June.

7th. June sees the opening of the first Test match between England and South Africa at Trent Bridge, Nottingham. There will be ball-by-ball descriptions, by Rex Alston and John Arlott at 1030 and 1040 hours and eye-witness accounts at 1845 and 2345 hours.

There will also be a commentary on the Epsom Derby on the same afternoon. This is by Raymond Glendenning, who will describe the Oaks the previous afternoon too.

## Handing Over In Greece

London, May 29.

The conclusion of final arrangements between Britain and the United States for the transfer of financial responsibility in Greece is expected to be announced very shortly. It is believed that the date on which British responsibility formally ceases will be May 22—the day on which the United States aid to Greece and Turkey Bill was signed by President Truman.

The British economic mission, it has been agreed in principle, is to terminate its functions on June 30 and this arrangement is expected to stand even though the United States experts arrive before that date.

It is even possible that the nucleus of the British officials may stay on after June 30 to tidy up the work of the economic mission.

The British military mission, on the other hand, is expected to carry on its work—which is primarily the training of the Greek army in the use of British equipment—for an indefinite period in agreement with the United States Government.

There has been no indication that the termination of its activities has been discussed between the British and United States Governments at any point.

### Military Mission

Thus the conclusion of final transfer arrangements with the United States is expected still to leave Britain with certain of those responsibilities in Greece which she assumed during the war and has continued to carry since the liberation of Greece.

Firstly, the maintenance for an indefinite period of a British military mission; secondly, the maintenance for a brief period of a small number of British troops, whose withdrawal from Greece has been pledged "as soon as practicable."—Reuter.

### KILLING OF BRITONS

London, May 29.

A Foreign Office spokesman today said the British Government felt confident the Greek Government would take "such steps as are open to them" to bring to justice the Greek bandits who killed two British soldiers last week.

The spokesman added that the British Government took a "serious view of this unwarrantable outrage."—United Press.

## Austrian Stalemate Broken

Vienna, May 29.

An American spokesman for the four-power Austrian treaty commission said today that the three-week-old stalemate appeared broken, with all powers, including Russia, showing a desire to begin negotiations.

The spokesman said that at today's hour and a half session "all sides indicated they were prepared to meet each other." He said the British submitted a revised paper outlining the terms of reference for the committee of experts' work and the Soviets immediately showed interest in it.

The spokesman explained that the British proposal listed Austrian industries to be investigated by the committee of experts and the Russians said they would submit their views on paper at the next meeting on Saturday.

He said the Russians mentioned, but did not push, their proposal to discuss Austrian oil as a separate subject. It was their insistence on this point which previously prevented the commission from entering full negotiations on the treaty.—United Press.

### AIR COLLISION

The Hague, May 29.

Twelve members of the Royal Netherlands Air Force were killed today when two twin-engined planes of the "Anson" type collided in mid-air. Five bodies only were identified. The rest were injured beyond recognition.—Reuter.



General De Gaulle gesturing as he addressed a crowd of 60,000 at Bordeaux on May 16. (Associated Press Photo)

## France's Newest Phenomenon

Paris, May 29.

If you are a French citizen, have 120 francs in your pocket for dues, and are not a Communist, you can become a member of France's newest political phenomenon, General de Gaulle's Union of the French People (RPF).

But even if you are already an RPF member, you like everyone else who comes of the national headquarters on the third floor of a musty apartment building at the foot of Montmartre Hill, must ring the doorbell and be scrutinized by a guard before being admitted.

"The locked door does not mean we are unfriendly," said a cute young secretary. "We figured some crackpot or group might try to get tough up here." The girl did not say the locked door was designed to keep out Communists, but she interred that.

### Screened By Committee

But the RPF has more than a locked door for that purpose. Before an applicant can receive his membership card, he must be screened by a committee which investigates to see whether he has ever been a Communist, a Nazi collaborator or a member of "a flagrantly anti-democratic group." The spokesman did not say exactly whether the pre-war Action Française and other extreme Right Wing and Monarchist organisations were included in the definition. "Each case will be investigated on the applicant's personal merits. Of course, there can be no general rule."

The spokesman said in the first two weeks of the organising drive de Gaulle's Union had received 810,000 applications for membership. The national office in Paris handles not only the reported 103,000 demands from Paris alone up to May 1, but the applications from French citizens living in the overseas colonies or in other countries. The spokesman cited figures by 86,000 colonial Frenchmen having applied for union membership, along with 17,000 French citizens living in other countries.

**The Brain**  
In the national office there are rooms set aside for technical

experts who will work out the Union's economic and social programme. These rooms are in snugly yellow, their woodwork is duty and their desks were unoccupied when the United Press visited the headquarters.

One of the office's backrooms belongs to the RPF Secretary-General, M. Jacques Soustelle, who is the organising brain of the Union, and is optimistic about it.

"We are off to a good start," he said, peering through his thick horn-rimmed glasses. "We will have a million members before you know it."

In the dozen rooms of the headquarters 60 young men and women, most of them from good families and with Resistance records, were working feverishly in crammed quarters to process the applications which, according to M. Soustelle, were pouring in.—United Press.

## Chinese Professors In England

London, May 29.

A group of Chinese professors, including one woman, has arrived here on a three-months' tour of British universities under the auspices of the British Council.

The group includes Dr. Lee Hwa-tung, Professor of Pure and Applied Mathematics of National Wu-han University, and Dr. Dju Ao, dean of women-students and Professor of European History of the National Fudan University, Shanghai.

Professor Lee, who took his degree at Edinburgh in 1937, will renew previous contacts and discuss mathematical research at Britain's universities. He will spend a greater part of his time at Cambridge.

Professor Dju will study British educational systems and will acquaint herself with recent publications and research in historical studies. She will spend two weeks at Oxford and will later visit schools in the south of England, Birmingham University and Scotland.—Reuter.

## DANES AND GREENLAND

Copenhagen, May 29.

The Danish Government has formally applied to the United States to open negotiations concerning the abolition of the Danish-United States Greenland agreement, which authorised the United States to establish air-bases in Greenland, Hor Knud Christensen, Danish Prime Minister, told the Danish Parliament today.

His statement followed the discussion of a Danish Communist Party proposal demanding that the Government take official steps to restore Danish sovereignty over Greenland.

The Communists withdrew their motion after hearing the Prime Minister's statement. The agreement was signed in April, 1941.—Reuter.

## GASPERI BOGGED DOWN

Rome, May 29.

Signor de Gasperi again postponed formation of a new government without the Communists, because of difficulties with several small parties he hopes to include in the Cabinet.

His efforts were bogged down in a dispute with the Right Wing Socialist Party. Giuseppe Saragat, Right Wing Socialist leader, served notice that he would not support de Gasperi if any Rightists had a hand in financial policy.—United Press.

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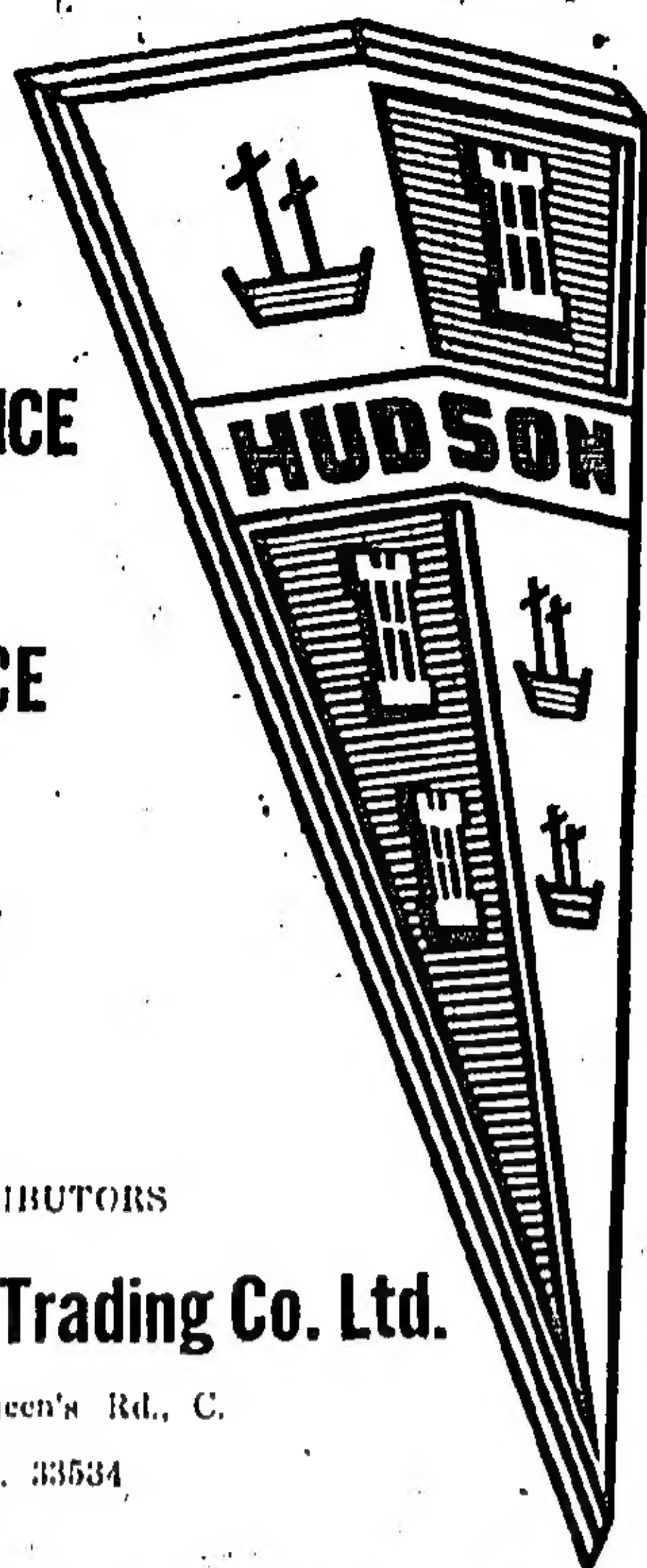
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Every Saturday, the "China Mail" will include motoring news and views, which we feel by stimulating interest in motoring, may improve driving conditions on the Colony's roads.

Hong Kong Island to-day has a total of 5,182 motor vehicles — this averages almost one motor vehicle per 300 persons. Yet an amazing proportion of the Colony's motor owners know little or nothing about motoring outside the cost and maintenance of their own car or truck.

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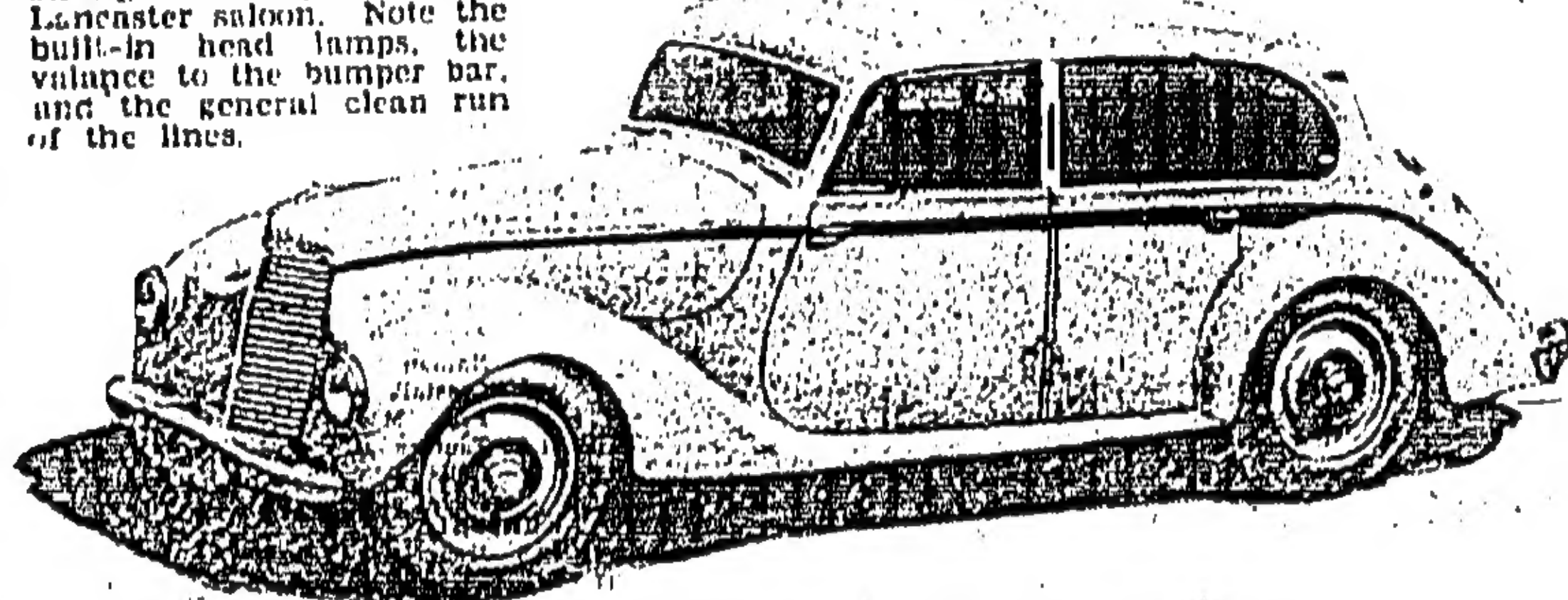
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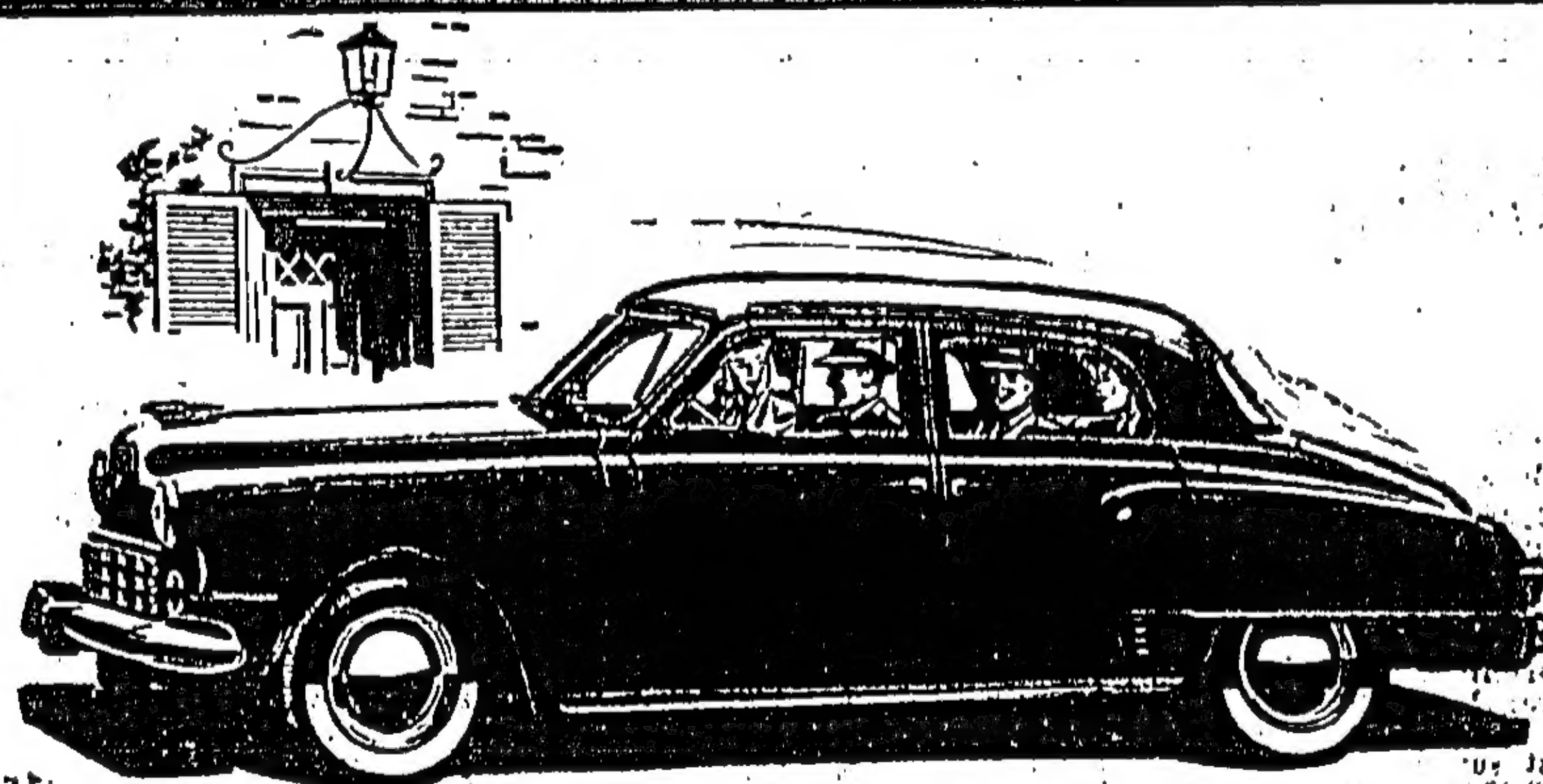
Decidedly an elegant car, the new Two-litre Armstrong Siddeley six-light Lancaster saloon. Note the built-in head lamps, the valance to the bumper bar, and the general clean run of the lines.



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Incidentally, hand signals given by Hong Kong drivers seem to include signals from all nations. One so often sees the driver of a left (and sometimes a right) drive vehicle tapping the foot of his car to signal a turn.

Surely this is not a recognized signal? More probably, it is a legacy of the Japanese occupation. Then there are the drivers of the old school who describe weird anti-clockwise circles with outstretched hand and finger pointing to indicate a left turn. Signals are helpful, but only if they are universally understood.

A Highway Code similar to that issued in Britain would be of great value to the motoring public of Hong Kong. This I understand, is now contemplated by the Traffic Authorities.

When one considers that in England, one has to wait anywhere from twelve to eighteen months for a car, and in America at least six months, motorists in Hong Kong are extremely lucky. There is an endless variety of American and British cars to choose from, and the waiting time in many cases not half as long. I hear that there is even a new model Rolls Royce Silver Wraith shortly arriving.

The commendable drive by the Traffic Authorities some months ago to reduce unnecessary sounding of horns especially around the Central District, seems to have gone the way of all such drives. Such a pity, as it did do some good while it lasted. Any week-day from 4.45 to 5.45 around the Central District is just a continuous blare of horns and it is almost impossible in some offices to use the phone because of the outside noise at that hour.

## Reserve Brakes

Hudson cars (model 1947) which are arriving in Hong Kong this year are all fitted with a patented auto-pulse control, which keeps the car wheels straight in their course over rough roads. In heavy winds and also in the event of a type blowing. Another addition is a mechanical reserve braking system which takes hold au-

tomatically from the foot pedal if needed. For night driving, sealed beam headlights have been added and also deep rear windows for better visibility. Agents are the Pacific Union Trading Company, Ltd., 404 Des Voeux Rd. W. (Tel. 31893).

## Charming Manners

Known as "the car with the charming manners," the new 10-h.p. Armstrong Siddeley is a model that has been designed on the basis of stability. At a first glance the chassis of this car inspires interest. The low built frame is unusually large in section and the side

members are carried out as wide as possible so as to give maximum support to the coachwork. As the whole rear structure is quite close to the ground, the low centre of gravity and low seating height produce a feeling of safety in the driver while turning fast curves or corners. Highlights of the new Armstrong Siddeley are its smooth and effortless motion, good driving position and accurate steering mechanism.

## Sliding Roof

The post-war Hillman Minx Saloon is a big but light car which caters for the sunshine with a sliding roof. The new model Minx has been given increased head room in the front and more leg room in the rear compartment. Modifications have been made to increase the life of exhaust valves and seats with leaded fuels. Its driving seat will now provide 20 different driving positions according to the size of the person at the wheel.

Agents for the Hillman Minx in Hong Kong are Messrs. Gilman & Co. who operate up to date Service Repair Stations and Caltex gasoline filling stations in Hong Kong at Wanchai and Murray Road and in Kowloon at Nathan Road and Waterloo Road.

## Parking Boon

Those who have seen the new Studebaker on the road in Hong Kong need little more to convince them of its merits. One of its main features is



the variable-ratio steering gear which greatly reduces the wear-and-tear of turning the steering wheel when parking, a distinct asset in Hong Kong where end-to-end parking is required in many streets.

The redesigning of the Studebaker has included shortening of all spring leaves and a new two-section drive shaft with no back-seat floor hump. Mechanical equipment features a vibration damper, full-pressure lubrication of valve lifters, ball-bearing water pump, automatic choke, floating oil screen and adjustable valve tappets.

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## Conditioned Air!

The new Nash car has an interesting feature which should appeal to Hong Kong residents. This is its automatic conditioned air system which filters, heats and circulates fresh air. With all the windows of the car closed, conditioned air then circulates from front to rear. Temperature is controlled inside the vehicle by turning a small knob. The complete conditioning unit fits behind the instrument panel and only the controls are visible.

The 1946 Nash valve-in-head engine has now been altered to provide greater power and torque output and gives a higher compression ratio and more turbulent combustion chamber design. An automatic choke has also been built into the carburetor so there is no external leakage to upset its precision adjustment.

Agents for Nash cars in Hong Kong are the Oriental (Continued on page 10)

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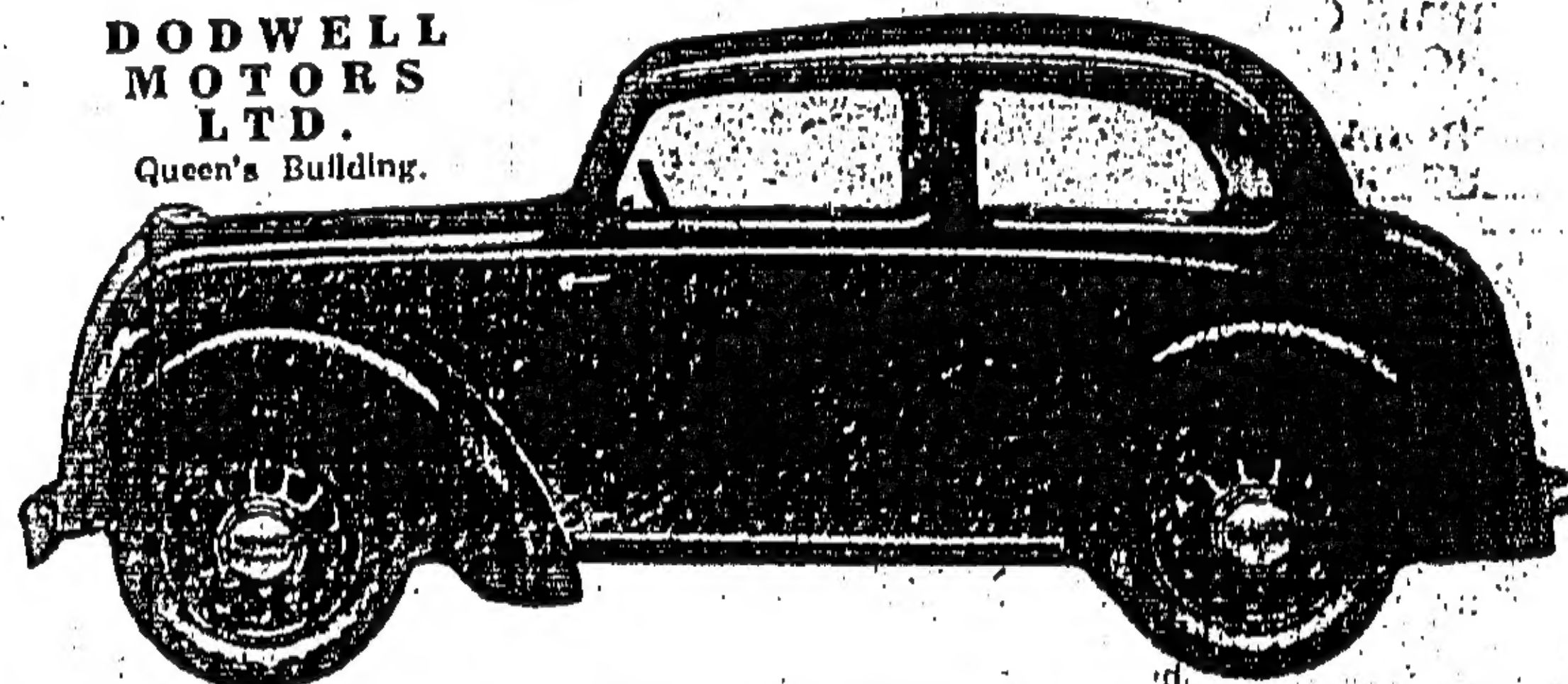
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# RUSSIA WANTS A LOAN

## Anglo-Soviet Trade Agreement Talks

### New Proposals By The Kremlin

London, May 29.  
Russia wants Britain to lend her \$55,000,000 and make a "further adjustment" of credits from Britain advanced under the civil supplies agreement of 1941 before she will sign a fresh Anglo-Soviet trade agreement.  
The new Soviet proposals have asked for a loan to bear an annual interest rate of one-half of one per cent and to be re-payable over a period of 15 years.

It is disclosed that Anglo-Soviet discussions on a new trade agreement will be resumed without waiting for a decision on the credit arrangements of six years ago. Initially, the talks will concern only commodities and will not touch on the question of the old credits.

But Moscow has indicated that Britain's unconditional acceptance of these proposals is essential to the signing of any such agreement and the British Government is still considering the matter.

Under the civil supplies agreement of 1941, civilian goods valued at between \$140,000,000 and \$160,000,000 were ordered from Britain by Russia. The agreement stipulated that 30 per cent of the value of these supplies should be paid for in cash (actually in gold) and that credit should be

extended for the remaining 60 per cent.

The annual interest rate on the credits was to be three per cent and they were to be payable in four annual instalments, starting at the end of the third year after the date on which the advance was made.

At the end of the Japanese war, the Soviet Government questioned the prices on outstanding orders valued at about \$44,000,000. After a year of negotiating, Britain agreed to reduce prices by 13 per cent and the rate of interest from three to two per cent.

### Major Changes

The new Soviet proposals request three major changes in the original terms:—Removal of the obligation to pay 40 per cent of the value in cash; further reduction of the interest rate to one-half of one per cent per annum; repayment in 12 annual instalments, starting at the end of the fourth year from the date on which the advance is made.

Russia has also asked that the new arrangement be retroactive.

The action of the proposals which might worry the British Government would be that concerning the 40 per cent cash payment, since this might involve a reduction in Britain's anticipated gold supplies for the near future.

After a visit to Moscow earlier this month, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, said the official Soviet view was that any general trade agreement between the two countries should be linked with agreement on the credit question.—Reuter.

## U.S. POSITION UNDERMINED?

Washington, May 29.  
The Secretary of State, Gen. Marshall, today strongly attacked the House of Representatives' action in passing a measure which would impose an increased import duty on wool. He declared that it would completely undermine the United States position on reciprocal trade and wreck the Geneva Trade Conference.—United Press.

## N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 29.  
Pre-holiday short-covering brought early gains but activity soon dwindled and a mixed trend developed with stocks showing changes to one point.

Stiffening tendencies accompanied by occasional bursts of activity followed the Senate and House conference agreement both on tax reduction and labour bills.

Advances to two points were fairly well spread in the afternoon with steel, oils, textiles, utilities, motors, aviation, rails and rail equipments best supported. The last two named have been enjoying greater popularity, reflecting the fact that with a few exceptions, April rail earnings were sharply above a year ago.

Fairly general profit-taking towards the close caused the market to detract from the day's best levels and the market closed very steady.—Reuter.

## London Stock Market

London, May 29.  
The stock markets turned dull following a sharp decline in gilt-edged, which unsettled other domestic issues, although not to the same extent.

Far Eastern issues were dull among foreign bonds while among foreign rails, Argentines and Brazilians improved. Kaffirs, copers and oils all looked a shade better at the finish.—Reuter.

## Deadlock In Trade Talks At Geneva

Geneva, May 29.  
Australia is not ready for a compromise on the wool issue but is not considering walking out of Geneva, delegation quarters told the United Press on Thursday.

This was the first reaction from official sources since the return to Geneva yesterday of the delegation's chief, Dr. Herbert Coombs, from consultations with the Australian Cabinet.

Sources said Australia's stand on the wool issue was not likely to be relaxed in any way and that the initiative for further action must come from the United States. The Australian delegation will proceed in Geneva in a "cooperative spirit" on the charter discussions and in tariff talks with other countries.

Australian delegation quarters said Australia's attitude in the wool issue is not likely to be altered by United States concessions on other items. Earlier reports had claimed that Australia might compromise on wool for concessions on tariffs for meat, fat, sheep and butter.

### An Appeal

Meanwhile, Coombs, in a statement made during the discussions on charter amendments, said that where there is a necessity to agree to compromise for making the charter an effective instrument, "other countries" should demonstrate their willingness and capacity to carry out their undertakings, not only during the charter discussions but also "elsewhere." This is interpreted in conference quarters as an appeal to the United States.

Sources said that other countries have already begun coming up with difficulties on tariff negotiations as the result of the American-Australian deadlock.

Meanwhile, anxiety has been expressed by delegation quarters for building what is termed a satisfactory charter on which the Australian delegation would remain fully co-operative despite the deadlock on tariff.—United Press.

## PRINCESS AT CHELSEA

London, May 29.  
Princess Elizabeth today visited the Royal Military Hospital, Chelsea, to make the annual inspection on Founder's Day—the anniversary of Charles II's birthday and Restoration.

Scarlet-coated inmates, known as Chelsea Pensioners, the oldest of whom was 90, proudly showed off their military bearing during the ceremonies.—Reuter.

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(Continued from Page 9)  
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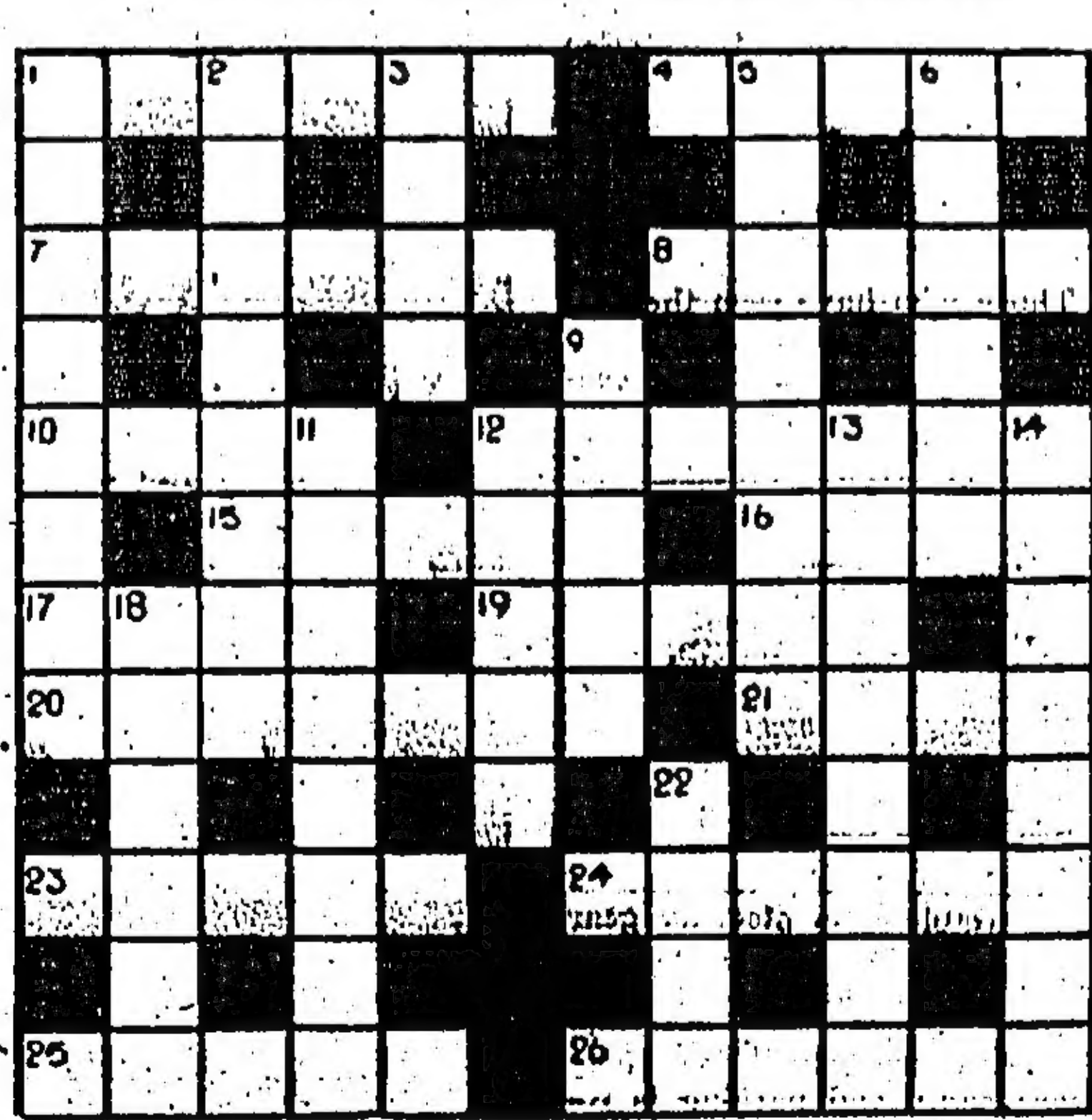
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- Stain.
- Loat.
- Egg-shaped.
- Meaning.
- Vegetable.
- Always.
- Black.
- Shrink back.
- Mocked.
- Neat.
- Hang on tightly.
- By hand.
- Material.
- Lamented.

### Clues Down

- Put back.
- Disorder of the peace.
- Electrical units.
- View.
- Rips.
- Sensational.
- Clemency.
- Upset.
- Stifled.
- Roar.
- Pudding ingredient.
- Simulate.
- Chief.
- About.
- Raced.
- Endure.
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- Reserve.
- Custom.
- Story.
- Idler.
- Dull.
- Seat.

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**Local Insurance Companies' Capital Increased**

Two local insurance companies, at separate meetings held yesterday, capitalised a big slice of their heavy accumulated reserves and at the same time substantially increased their authorised capital.

The Canton Insurance Office Ltd. increased its authorised capital from \$2,500,000 to \$10,000,000; and capitalised \$1,500,000 of its reserves by a distribution of \$30 per share to its shareholders by treating as fully paid up the shares held by them on which only \$20 has been paid.

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., also increased its authorised capital to \$10,000,000; and capitalised \$1,200,000 of its accumulated reserves in the same way the \$20 partly paid shares being treated as fully paid.

Both meetings were held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson &amp; Co., Ltd., and were presided over by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale, Chairman of the Consulting Committee of both Companies.

Addressing shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd., Mr. Landale said:

"Your committee have for some time now felt that the issued capital of the company, viz. \$1,000,000 represented by 50,000 shares of \$20 each, \$20 paid up, is completely out of proportion to the earning power of the company and its total net assets, and they consider the time has arrived when the issued capital should be increased."

"Your committee considered several alternative ways of increasing the issued capital and finally decided that as the company was not in need of additional working capital, the best plan would be to capitalise \$1,500,000 out of free reserves, equal to \$30 per share, and to treat this as a call on the shareholders, thus making the shares \$50 fully paid instead of \$20 paid up as at present, and the issued capital \$2,500,000 instead of \$1,000,000. The net asset position of the company would remain entirely unchanged, and as far as the shareholders are concerned, it would mean that their present liability of \$30 per share would have been extinguished."

"Our existing Articles 123 (a) and (b) which deal with the capitalisation of reserves authorise the general agents with the sanction of the company in general meeting, to distribute among the members any unissued shares or new shares. The articles in question do not, however, specifically authorise the action we now wish to take, namely to apply capitalised reserves in payment of the unissued liability on shares which have already been issued."

**New Article**

"We therefore propose to substitute for Article 123 (a) and (b) a new Article 123 which, our lawyers advise, will meet these requirements. This change in our articles requires the sanction of a special resolution."

"Having changed the articles to give us the requisite general powers it will then be necessary for you to pass an ordinary resolution in order to capitalise a specific part of our reserves, namely \$1,500,000, and to apply this sum in making your shares fully paid. This will be the

**Carried**

The first resolution was seconded by Mr. Ho Kom-tong and the second by Mr. John Fleming, and both were carried unanimously. Mr. Landale was supported in the chair by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Stewart, S. T. Williamson, F. C. Barry and D. E. Clarke (members of the Consulting Committee) and Mr. K. A. Mason (Secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. M. W. Lo, M. H. Lo, Ho Kom-tong, D. Hung, Ho Shai, Cheung and John Fleming. Then followed the meeting of

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**TRAIN SMASH**

London, May 29.

More than 30 people were reported to have been injured when the London to Manchester express was derailed while travelling at a high speed near Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, today.

Five coaches were overturned on to the embankment and the rest of the train, dragging two other derailed coaches, ploughed up the track for more than a kilometre before stopping.—Reuter.

Shareholders of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., whom Mr. D. F. Landale addressed in identical terms.

The amount capitalised was \$1,200,000 and this was effected by treating as \$50 fully paid-up the 40,000 shares in the company on which only \$20 has been paid up on each.

Members of the consulting committee present, in addition to the Chairman, Mr. D. F. Landale, were the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, W. A. Stewart, S. T. Williamson, F. C. Barry and D. H. Benham, and Mr. K. A. Mason (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. John Fleming, J. H. Seth, D. Hung, M. W. Lo and M. H. Lo.—Reuter.

**US Army Budget Cut 8.3 Per Cent**

Washington, May 29.

The United States' army's 1948 military budget was cut 8.3 per cent by the House Appropriations Committee today despite the testimony of General Eisenhower and Secretary of War Patterson that "real danger" lies beyond the "irreducible minimum" of men and money they have requested.

If Congress upholds the Committee, the army will receive \$5,240,982,423 in new appropriations for the fiscal year starting July 1. President Truman said he had asked for \$5,716,791,500 for the army's military activities, exclusive of foreign relief and other civil function to be financed in a later bill.

For the current year, military activities appropriations totalled \$7,203,542,400.

The committee did, however, approve the army's full request for \$280,000,000 in contract authority to buy new aeroplanes.

The committee recommended cuts which it said would reduce civilian job holders by 74,631 and office personnel by 20,100, including 2,600 warrant officers.

It also ordered a reduction in flying pay for the air forces personnel without specifying how the cut should be applied.

No reduction was recommended in the number of other ranks, nurses, dietitians, physiotherapists or research and development employees.

**Too Many Officers**

The committee said it believed the army's requests for funds to maintain 140,000 officers "is excessive."

Testimony given the committee disclosed plans for a national guard of 200,000 during 1948; an organized reserve of 400,000 officers and 630,000 other ranks and 102,000 R.O.T.C. Students.

The War Department, as part of the industrial organization plan, intends to keep 43 of its war-plants in a standby status for quick use in event of a national emergency.

Undersecretary of War Royall told the House sub-committee in charge of the War Department appropriations that the army hopes to retain 20 ordnance plants, 13 chemical plants and one quartermaster corps station.

These plants, according to the printed record of the hearings made public, are government-owned establishments designed primarily for the production of military goods.

Civilian Goods Royall told the committee that some of the plants or some parts of some may be adaptable with a minimum of alteration to the production of civilian goods.

These, he said, will be leased if possible so that the Government can get back some of its maintenance costs.

Others will be maintained under guard and will be used only if world conditions warrant.—Associated Press.

**GAVE HIMSELF UP TO POLICE**

Groton, Conn., May 29.

C. Carpenter, Jr., 27, sought by State police and Marines, for nearly 24 hours in connection with the house assault on the Rev. Nicholas Shepler and his wife and daughter, surrendered to a New London policeman today while nearly 100 State police and Marines searched an area within three miles of the minister's home.

Carpenter stopped a passing truck and gave himself up.—United Press.

**Australian Disappointment**

Melbourne, May 29.

Mr. J. B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, at question time in the House of Representatives today, confirmed the report that the Commonwealth Government had asked that the preliminary Conference of the British Commonwealth Governments be held in Australia to discuss peace terms for Japan.

Requests for conferences in Australia, he said, were not always viewed favourably by other countries because they wanted to send leading men who could not always spare the time.

All he could say at present was that two members of the British Cabinet might come to Australia for the discussions. There is deep disappointment on both sides of the Federal Parliament at the rejection by the Foreign Office of Australia's claim to be represented at the London Conference to discuss the future of former Italian colonies.

Mr. Menzies for the Opposition said: "Australia has every right to be represented at the Conference as it was primarily Australian forces that defeated the Italians in Cyrenaica and took 200,000 Italian prisoners."—Reuter.

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## Springboks Well On Way To Victory

London, May 29.  
South Africa appear to be well on the way to victory against the Combined Services, who after dismissing South Africa for 259-77 runs ahead scored 161 for the loss of seven wickets. This means they are only 84 ahead with three wickets standing, while the tourists have another innings to play.  
Mitchell continued to bat well for the South Africans and was last out with 108 to his credit. He just failed to get another not-out century. His batting in the last few matches has been of the highest order.

Few other South Africans offered much resistance to the Services attack. It was mainly through Roberts that the Services wiped out their arrears for the loss of only one wicket when they batted again.

A minor collapse occurred in the 90's when three wickets fell, the third and fourth at the same total of 93. Shrivastava, the Services captain, and White pulled the game round again in a partnership of 64, though both were victims before the day's close of play.

Mann, spin bowler, came out with the figures of five for 48 in 31 overs.

### County Matches

In contrast to the previous day's matches, the County cricket programme today when temperatures soared to the highest for 11 months.

Several centuries and near-centuries marked the day's play, but the greatest performance was the opening stand of 359 between Washbrook (204) and Place (134). They were still unbeaten at the close of play, having batted three hours 50 minutes. Washbrook hit 12 fours, one sixer and one seven—three runs and four from an over—while Place has hit 13 fours.

Doddie, of Essex, and Brown, of Middlesex, were other centuries, while Pearce, of Essex, and Timmins, of Northamptonshire, reached the 90's and several other batsmen scored freely in the hot sunshine.  
Rain had caused a slight halt in Lancashire's match just after the third hundred had been signalled, but quickly cleared and did not affect the pitch from the way that the batsmen continued their huge partnership.

### Scores

Scores at the close of play today were:  
At Portsmouth: Combined Services 182 and 161 for seven (Roberts 52, Boys 21, Shrivastava 29, White 22); South Africans 259 (Mitchell 108, Dawson 57, Deighton 40 for 88, White three for 55).  
At Birmingham: Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by 101 runs, Yorks 113 and 233 (Wilson 67, Hollies five for 40); Warwickshire 47 and 198 (Robinson five for 59).  
At Cambridge: Middlesex 283 and 246 for six (Brown 112, Thompson 59); Cambridge University 217, Sims six for 90).  
At Leicester: Leicestershire 420 for nine declared; Essex 435 (Doddie 157, Pearce 93, R. Smith 71).  
At Manchester: Lancashire 258 and 350 for no wickets (Washbrook not out 204; Place not out 134); Sussex 255 (Pollard five for 50).  
At the Oval: Northamptonshire 308 and 240 for five (Cox 88, Timmins 94); Surrey 207.—Reuter.

## Irish Sweep

Dublin, May 29.  
An estimated 23 units of £50,000 each today is expected to be distributed in the 60th sweepstake to be run by the Horpita Trust in Dublin on June 7, when the Derby takes place.

The authorities refuse to disclose figures, but it is expected that another record will be set, even though the time between the Grand National sweepstakes and the Derby is short.  
In each unit will be prizes of £25,000 for first prize, £15,000 for second. The rest will be distributed among drawers of horses in the race who failed to place in money.

There are 23 horses slated to start in the Derby. Drawers of horses will get £300 each. There also will be 50 residual prizes, the amount of which will depend on total receipts. Total prize distribution is expected to reach £1,170,000.—United Press.

## Davis Cup

South Africa gained a two-zero lead against Great Britain when their third round Davis Cup match opened today, winning both the singles decided.

In the first set, T. E. Mottram raised British hopes, taking the first set from Eric Sturgess, but thereafter the South African dominated and won 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

There was an unfortunate end to the second singles when Don Butler, who came into the British team for Derick Barton (who strained his back during practice) collapsed with cramp in the fourth set against Eustace Fannin, and had to retire. Fannin led 7-5, 4-6, 9-7, with the position three all in the fourth set when Butler collapsed.—Reuter.

### RACE ENTRIES

The following are entries and weights for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday, June 7:  
Manley Handicap, 6 Furlongs: Fifth Alarm (153), Jeep Hong (140), Ann (148), Masterpiece (141), Royal Commission (147), Spanish Onion (146), Speedway (145), Thunderbolt (143) and V-J Day (160).  
Lantau Handicap, 6 Furlongs: Argentine Moon (154), Avalon (153), Cooper (148), Elmer (157), Hurricane (166), Lightning (155), Lucky Strike (150), Malsani (150), Red Fox (142), Rose Empire (148), Shanghai Beauty (141) and Sunshine (140).

### I.R.C. TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Indian Recreation Club against Kowloon Docks at K.B.G.C. on Sunday:  
M. B. Hassan, S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adal and A. K. Minu (Skip).  
M. I. Razack, A. M. Ramjahn, J. Hosen and A. R. Minu (Skip).  
J. A. Ramjahn, A. M. Wahab, J. M. A. Ramjahn and S. M. Ramjahn (Skip).  
Reserves—A. G. Sufiad, A. J. Hussain.

## SING TAO TEAM IN MANILA

Manila, May 30.  
Football fans here are showing a big interest in the visit of the Hong Kong Sing Tao soccer team, which is due to open a series of matches against Manila's best players tomorrow, when it meets the Chinese Collegians at Rizal Stadium.

The Collegians are one of the best local teams and expect to give the visitors a hard tussle.

The Sing Tao team arrived here from Hong Kong by plane at 5 p.m. today, and are expected to stay for about twelve days before departing for Singapore, from where they will fly to England for their forthcoming tour.

On Sunday, the visitors will meet the Manila Football League Selection No. 2, followed by a match with Turba Salvaje and Lian Lok teams on June 4 and respectively. On June 8 they will meet the Athletic Club and on June 11 the Manila Football League Selection No. 1.

The leading English-language daily newspapers here have given great prominence to the arrangements for the matches, which are generally expected to draw record crowds, especially since Sing Tao's team includes such players as Lai Shu-wing and Hao Yung-seng, whose records have been followed with keen interest by local soccer fans.—Reuter.

London, May 29.  
Two Third Division football games were played tonight, resulting: Northampton 2 Aldershot 2; Notts County 1 Reading 0.—Reuter.

## "TURKISH BATHS"

Canterbury, May 30.  
A large Roman building, complete with fourth century Turkish baths, has been uncovered in excavations in Canterbury's blitzed area.  
The building was erected about the end of the second century and was extensively altered in the fourth century.—Associated Press.

## Cheerful News For You

Los Angeles, May 29.  
Five hundred atomic bombs of the size used in Hiroshima could destroy every human being and animal in the world.

The Manhattan project's former medical chief, Dr. Stafford Warren, said this at the conclusion of the atomic conference.

Dr. Warren said even if they survived the initial concussion they would succumb eventually to deadly radio activity after-effects.

"It might be possible to maintain a population with survivors of the first blasts but many third and fourth generation children would be freaks or sterile," he said.

An inexhaustible source of fresh water through atomic processes could be provided for commercial, domestic and irrigation uses, according to Dr. Linus E. Pauling, Chemistry professor of the California Institute of Technology.

He advocated the use of atomic energy to distill sea water by a "comprehensive" process at the cost of about five cents a ton.—United Press.

## COLD WAVE IN U.S.

Chicago, May 29.  
The weather forecaster said that most of the Mid-West and the East would have the coldest Memorial Day on record.

Raceball fans are expected to turn out in crowds, as are spectators at the Indianapolis speedway auto races.  
Temperatures will be mild in the southern and far western states, the forecaster said.—United Press.

## SIX AIR DISASTERS

(Continued from Page 1)  
The disaster equals the toll in the crash of the American Overseas plane at Stephenville, Newfoundland, on October 3, 1946. The highest previous death toll for a domestic airline disaster was 27.—United Press.

## Japan Clash

Tokyo, May 30.  
A three-man ground search team arrived at the scene of the crash at 4 p.m. today as a search plane spotted the scattered and burned wreckage of the four-motored troop-carrier plane, which tore into a mountain side 80 miles from Tokyo on Thursday night.

There will be no information on the fate of the 31 passengers and eight crew members of the plane until the search team returns.

A United Press report from Seoul, Korea, states that Philip A. Adler, correspondent for the "Detroit News," is believed to be one of the passengers. There is no official confirmation of this.  
Meanwhile, another report said a courier plane from the

## Britain v. Rest Of Europe



Da Rui (Rest of Europe's goal-keeper) is seen throwing himself at the feet of Will Mannion (Britain), whose expression is certainly a determined one. On the left is Lord. Britain beat the Rest of Europe by 6 goals to one. (Associated Press photo).

## Takes A Scot To Beat A Yank

Carnoustie, May 29.  
Three Americans, one Englishman and four Scots reached the "last eight" of the British Amateur Golf Championship here today.

One of the Scots, Robert Rutherford, 46-year-old member of the Royal Wimbledon, London Club, was the day's giant killer. In the fourth round he eliminated Leonard Crawley, British Walker Cup player, at the 19th hole of a grim struggle and then confounded everybody by putting out one of the most famed Americans, Skeet Nigel, by one hole.

The Americans had been making such steady progress in the championship, beating one another when the draw ordained they meet, that people were saying it took a Yank to beat a Yank.

Rutherford exploded that theory and is now called on to meet Richard Chapman, another American in the sixth round. Chapman won his two matches so easily today that he played only 24 of the 36 holes, whereas Rutherford played 37.

### Thin Hope

British hopes of winning the title became very thin as today's matches saw the exit of such famous players as Percy Lucas, Tenny Duncan, H. McNally, all Americans, and the failure of Crawley, Charles Stowe and A. Kyle, the 1939 champion.

Kyle beat Stowe after a brilliant display, but then went under to C. McKinlay, one of Scotland's best players, who was not thought good enough for this year's Walker Cup.

Ward and Turney meet in the first of the sixth round games tomorrow, followed by W. S. Wise, England's only remaining player, and the Scot, J. G. Campbell, Chapman will play Rutherford. This will be followed by an All-Scottish battle between McKinlay and J. C. Wilson.

If Rutherford can beat Chapman, Britain will be certain of a final, though the present outlook is that it will be an All-American final, unless there are some sensations tomorrow.—Reuter.

The Director of Public Works announces that Murray Pier, Hong Kong, will be closed to the public for repairs on from 8 a.m. on June 6 until further notice.

Mrs. Farrell, of 30 Peak Mansions, was the victim of a snatcher in front of the Dairy Farm on Thursday. Before Mr. Rainbury at Central yesterday, the snatcher, Cheung Yau, 20, was sentenced to seven days' hard labour and three strokes of the cane.

317th Troop-Carrier Group at Taklawa airfield near Tokyo crashed in mountainous country west of Atsugi on Thursday night.—United Press.

## FAMINE CRISIS

Herford, May 29.  
The five-week-old Ruhr famine crisis was showing no signs of improvement, and the average daily ration issued to normal consumers next month would be in the region of 976 calories, British officials stated here authoritatively tonight.

The statement disclosed that the meat import position was so serious that it might prove impossible even to meet the requirements of such priority consumers as miners and canteens.—Reuter.

## Portrait Took On Whiskers

Vienna, May 29.  
The experts have finally solved the mystery of Rembrandt's beard; for a while, it was a real puzzler.

Examination recently revealed that the centuries-old self-portrait by Rembrandt was taking on a slow growth of face whiskers, after it had been taken to Zurich, Switzerland, as part of an Austrian art exhibition.

A few closer looks, however, showed that it was not Rembrandt coming back to life at all, but simply the appearance of some sponges which were favoured by the Zurich climate. The experts also explained that the paintings had been sheltered in saltmines during the Allied bombings of Vienna, and that the artists had used home-made paints that contained ingredients particularly edible for sponges.

The scientists issued with relief the announcement that Rembrandt is to have a shave with insecticide.—United Press.

## Priest And Two Nuns Tortured

Shanghai, May 29.  
Father Patrick O'Connor, correspondent of the National Catholic News Service in Washington, D.C., said today he had learned from a Yenan native that Father Aloysius Liang, Chinese Catholic priest, and two elderly Chinese nuns had been tortured and executed by the Communists after evacuating Yenan.

Father O'Connor refused to disclose his informant's name, and the report has not been confirmed from other sources.  
O'Connor said he got the information from peasants who returned to Yenan after the evacuation of the town by the Reds.

O'Connor said an undetermined number of Chinese Christians had been executed by the

## Work Of The HKSPC

Thanks to the generous support of the public of the Colony, and to the kind cooperation of Government, the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council and St. John's Ambulance Brigade who lend premises free of charge, the H.K.S.P.C. is able to reach more and more of those for whom it exists—the children of the poorest of the poor.

In May, thanks to the kindness of the former Director of Medical Services, a new Branch was opened in the congested Western area, in the Western Dispensary. But the Society's most urgent need at the moment is for yet more Branches in the most poverty-stricken districts of both island and mainland. If signs or premises can be obtained, the Society is ready to provide staff and equipment and extend its work as widely as its funds permit.

The following figures for one month at the three existing Branches, Western Dispensary, St. John's Ambulance Brigade Headquarters, Tai Hang, and in the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council's premises in Nathan Road, Kowloon, give some idea of the ways in which the public's generous donations are applied. Cases interviewed during one month: 8475.

## America Would Be Target No. 1

Yokohama May 29.  
Lieut-Gen. Robert L. Elcheberger said today in a Memorial Day address to his Eighth Army Occupation Forces that the United States "would almost certainly be the first target" of aggression from a nation which is able to produce atomic weapons.

"The first strike would be designed to break our morale and to paralyse our economy, political structure and armed forces," said the General.

"At its worst, it would be followed by airborne or surface invasion and then by occupation. Only effective armed forces could survive that first shock and strike back at the enemy swiftly and decisively."

General Elcheberger commented the age of "push-button" warfare has not arrived yet, adding that "within the predictable future a successful war would mean a brutal struggle between large air forces, navies and ground armies."

He warned all Americans that they today face unprecedented responsibilities of citizenship and that when citizens of any nation become spiritually and morally self and place self-interest above devotion to the country "that nation will fall—and will deserve to fall."

### Time Of Crisis

"Today is a time of crisis," said the occupation commander, "and it must be met with a solid front of unselfish, patriotic endeavour. We must recapture that spirit of self-sacrifice and idealism that inspired our forefathers to create and build up America."

General Elcheberger declared that modern weapons have given preparedness a new meaning and that atomic weapons and long-range bombers "have stripped us of the protection of time and space we have once enjoyed."

"We cannot expect our traditional Allies again to delay an

He said: "The war-shattered world of today cries out for the leadership of the United States. If democracy is to survive America must throw its full influence into the balance of world affairs."

He said that while hope for the future lies in the world organization that will prevent war, "our only assurance against war will be to keep our nation so strong that potential aggressors will not dare to attack us."—Associated Press.

## "Kuai Li," "Hsueh Li"

Nanking, May 29.  
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in a Memorial Day message to America today, said: "The Chinese people will fight for the principles for which they have fought. The Chinese people will sacrifice for the ideology for which they have sacrificed. This is the only way to repay the debt which the nation owes to fallen heroes and their families."

Chiang, who recalled the 3,000 war dead in the China Theatre, said: "Your Army and Navy undertook to train Chinese fighters in India as well as in the fringes around the Mongolian desert. Your experts taught us the techniques of secret service, the use of recent inventions... Your aviators crossed 500 miles of uncharted mountains and jungles at the height of 20,000 feet in spite of the Japanese air arms, tropical monsoons and Tibetan ice."

"Our ancient book of rites tells us that help in the form of power and materials sent to countries suffering hardships and invasion was known as *kuai li*, and military assistance to a friendly nation to resist aggression or suppress rebellion was known as *hsueh li*."

"These were not questions of matters of policy. They were the duties of kings and princes to rebel aggression to stop rebellion and to make the world a more stable and happier place to live in.—United Press.

## HE "DIDN'T KNOW"

Choi Yau-chi, a newcomer from Amoy, was yesterday discharged by the Marine Magistrate, Mr. Neil Garland, with a caution for unlawfully handling the mv. "Shan" on May 29.

Choi told the Court he went on board in response to a request from someone, who said he could take him to Australia, and he was not aware that it was an offence to board a ship without permission.

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 meter band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.35 p.m.—"In Wells-Time".  
12.47 p.m.—Bina Crosby and Connie Dowell.  
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.  
1.15 p.m.—Elith Lorand and Her View.  
1.20 p.m.—Film Favorites.  
1.30 p.m.—Close Down.  
1.35 p.m.—The San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.  
1.45 p.m.—London Relay: Parliament Summary—Colonial Affairs.  
1.50 p.m.—Studio Unit.  
1.55 p.m.—Studio Unit.  
2.00 p.m.—Studio Unit.  
2.05 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.  
2.15 p.m.—Light Variety.  
2.30 p.m.—Interlude.  
2.35 p.m.—H.K.C. Transcription Service.  
2.40 p.m.—Bina Crosby and Connie Dowell.  
2.45 p.m.—Close Down.  
2.50 p.m.—A Russian Programme.  
2.55 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
3.00 p.m.—Relay from the House of Representatives.  
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